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(Title) BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

(File No.) 92-166

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1. Two photos of Buster Balestere one to CG 6-18-63 dr 12/28/60

2. One photo of Joe Guerera 1/31/61 M

3. Two photos of Buster Balestere 4/18/61
(one to Waukesha SO 8/28/62 rg)(one to MP 10/2/61 kr)

4. Three photos of Subject (one each to LR & CG)4/10/62)(~~****~~ 10/1/61 dg

5. [redacted]

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7. Surveillance Notes 8/24/62 10/1/62 (Sh)

8. 1 photo of John Molle 11/15/62

9. ~~Three~~ more photos, 2nd & one m/2 of Buster Balestrere 2 sent to Bureau 3/25/64 (2) 2/7/64 RB

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(Name of Special Agent)

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Description: One Photo of Joseph Gurera

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Date Received 3-3-61

From Bureau
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To Be Returned Yes ( )
No (X)

Description: 3 photos of Buster Balentine

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Date Received 10/1/61

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By Hathorn

(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ( )
No (✓)

Description: Subject's photo

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(Name of Special Agent)

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From: Minneapolis
(Name of contributor)

(Address of contributor)

By
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ( )
No (x)

Description: [redacted]

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File No. ~~165-15~~

Date Received 8/24

From [illegible]
(Name of Contributor)

SA J. A. Holtzman
(Address of Contributor)

By _____
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ☐ No ☑

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File No. 92-166-1A(8)

Date Received 11/15/62

From Kansas City
(Name of Contributor)

(Address of Contributor)

By
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ☐
No ☐

Description:
1 photo of JOHN MOLLE

FD-340 (4-7-61)

File No. 97-166-14(9)

Date Received 2-7-64

From Kansas City
(Name of Contributor)

(Address of Contributor)

By
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ☐
No ☒

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BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
"Buster" (1963)

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Buster Balistrere

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Buster Balestrere

Complaint Form
FD-71 (10-20-55)

Note: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Subject's name and aliases	Address of subject	Character of case
Austin Balestrieri, AKA Austin Bastrieri	71 Jackson St	Auto Racketeering

Complainant	Complainant's address and telephone number	Complaint received
94-316-105 94-316-122 [redacted]	b7D	☐ Personal ☐ Telephonic Date 11-1-66 Time

Subject's Description						
Race	Sex	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace
Age	☐ Male ☐ Female	Weight	Eyes	Complexion	
Scars, marks or other data					

Facts of complaint

Austin Balestrieri, originally from Kansas City, Mo. is a racketeer & and generally regarded as Frank Peter Balestrieri's "muscle man". He is reported to have ties & connections in Kansas City and to be involved in gambling operations in Kenosha, Wis.

J H Hellgman

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TO: CHIEF CLERK

Date 1/7/60

Subject Balestrere, Buster

Aliases Balistriere, Buster

Address N Jackson St

Birth Date –

Birthplace –

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	Balistrieri, Buster, Vito		
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BUSTIANO VITO BALISTRIERI		~~94-259-34 (P7)~~	
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File No. 92-166

Searched by [redacted] 1-8-60 (date)

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Milwaukee

DATE: May 3, 1960

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (92-109)

SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
KANSAS CITY DIVISION

RE: BUSTER BALESTRERE

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For your information, [redacted] reports that BUSTER BALESTRERE of Milwaukee whose photo is enclosed, [redacted] at the Pizzeria Restaurant, Kansas City, Missouri, the night of April 14, 1960. This restaurant is co-owned and operated by ANTHONY CIVELLA, nephew of KC Top Hoodlum NICHOLAS CIVELLA, Apalachin, New York, attendee. NICHOLAS CIVELLA'S residence, Kansas City, Missouri, was the site of an explosion and fire on the night of March 25, 1960, while CIVELLA and wife were enroute to Florida. It is generally believed the explosion and fire was intentional on the part of CIVELLA as he has been attempting to dispose of his residence for the past year. NICHOLAS CIVELLA is believed to have returned to Kansas City on April 14, 1960, and a number of prominent Kansas City hoodlums including NICHOLAS CIVELLA were observed at the Pizzeria Restaurant at the time BUSTER BALESTRERE was observed there on April 14, 1960. The significance of BALESTRERE'S presence is not known.

According to Kansas City files, BUSTER BALESTRERE is the nephew of former Kansas City Top Hoodlum JAMES BALESTRERE (deceased). During a 1951 interview of BUSTER BALESTRERE he advised that his father, FRANK BALESTRERE, was the brother of former Kansas City Top Hoodlum JAMES BALESTRERE. He claimed he had two brothers, JAMES and VITO BALESTRERE who then resided in Milwaukee. He identified [redacted] was known as [redacted] sisters was MARY BALESTRERE, who is married to a distant cousin by the name of PETE BALESTRERE who then operated the Six Point Tavern in Milwaukee.

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According to [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE when in Kansas City, Missouri, is usually seen with former KC Top Hoodlum JOSEPH FRANK GURERA who has a financial interest in the Michael's Tavern, Kansas City, Missouri. On a previous visit to Kansas City, BUSTER BALESTRERE invited [redacted] to visit him when in Milwaukee and informed him that GURERA would always know where he could reach him. b7D

In the event BUSTER BALESTRERE is known to be involved in Top Hoodlum activities in your area, Kansas City should be so advised in order that a closer check can be made of his activities when in Kansas City.

SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-160) 11/28/60

SAC, MILWAUKEE (94-316)

FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI
ANTI-RACKETEERING

OO: MILWAUKEE

By letter dated 10/19/60 captioned Administrative Review, Criminal Intelligence Program, Milwaukee Division, the Bureau pointed out that during the first of April, BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DI SALVO were in Kansas City, Missouri for approximately a week, that an informant understood that a meeting of some significance had been held there and these two individuals represented the interests of FRANK BALISTRIERI, a Milwaukee hoodlum. The letter points out that BALESTRERE [redacted] b7D on 4/14/60 at the Pizzaria, a Kansas City restaurant owned by ANTHONY CIVELLA, a nephew of NICHOLAS CIVELLA, a well-known Kansas City hoodlum and Apalachin attendant. The Bureau has instructed that this Office obtain all details concerning any tie-ins or agreement by underworld characters as it would affect Wisconsin versus Chicago and/or Kansas City, and that emphasis must be placed on obtaining full details of the alleged connections between the hoodlums in Milwaukee and those in Chicago and Kansas City.

The Kansas City Office is requested to further explore the meeting in Kansas City, apparently attended by BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DI SALVO in April of 1960, as well as submit any information which they may have or develop relative to connections between the Milwaukee and Kansas City hoodlum element, particularly as it relates to assignment of territories, gambling or other type hoodlum interests or activities.

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SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-109) 12/29/60

SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166)

BUSTER VITO BALESTRERE, aka.
Buster Balistriere
ANTI RACKETEERING

OO: MILWAUKEE

Re your file 92-109 and letter 5/3/60 captioned, TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM, KANSAS CITY DIVISION, sub-captioned, BUSTER BALESTRERE.

Please furnish to Milwaukee Office any additional information regarding Subject and also furnish to this office a photograph of JOSEPH FRANK GURERA mentioned in referenced letter as an associate of BUSTER BALESTRERE.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) DATE: 1/9/61

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-109)

SUBJECT: BUSTER VITO BALESTRERE, aka
ANTI-RACKETEERING

OO: Milwaukee

Re Milwaukee letter to Kansas City 12/29/60 and Kansas City letter to Milwaukee 5/3/60.

For your information, referenced Kansas City letter describes JOSEPH FRANK GURERA as a "former Kansas City Top Hoodlum" which is incorrect. GURERA is a prominent hoodlum figure closely associated with the top hoodlum leaders in Kansas City.

The Kansas City Office has no additional information regarding BALESTRERE than was previoualy furnished your office.

Enclosed is a photograph of GURERA.

GURERA has been associated with the Midwest Paving Company in Kansas City and presently has a financial interest in Michael's Club, 1715 East 9th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. He is frequently observed in company with known hoodlum leaders in Kansas City and is a close friend of NICHOLAS CIVELLA (Apalachin attendee).

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SAC, MILWAUKEE (94-316) 1/11/61

SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-160)

FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI
ANTI-RACKETEERING

OO: Milwaukee

Re Milwaukee letter to Kansas City, dated 11/23/60 and Kansas City letter to Milwaukee, dated 7/29/60.

Referenced Kansas letter reflects the Kansas City Office advised that frequent contact has been maintained with [redacted] since BUSTER BALISTRIERI was observed in Kansas City on April 14, 1960. [redacted] has been alerted to report any information concerning BALISTRIERI on his trips to Kansas City and has advised that to his knowledge BALISTRIERI has not been seen in Kansas City since the date previously reported. [redacted] b7D BALISTRIERI and would know of his visits to Kansas City. Contact will be continued with him and should he develop any information concerning BALISTRIERI or his activities it will be reported to the Milwaukee Office.

[redacted] is unable to furnish additional information regarding this matter.

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Report Form
FD-263 (5-12-55)

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Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	2/27/61	11/28/60 - 2/24/61

TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By:
BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka Bustiano Veto Balistreri Buster Vito Balistreri, Buster Balistrieri	SA JAMES E. MC ARDLE	el
	CHARACTER OF CASE	
	ANTI-RACKETEERING	

Synopsis:
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REFERENCE

Milwaukee letter to Kansas City December 29, 1960.
Kansas City letter to Milwaukee January 9, 1961.

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LEADS

KANSAS CITY DIVISION

1. Will endeavor to verify Subject's birth in that city November 18, 1918. Obtain additional background data including present whereabouts and activities of Subject's brothers and sisters, the date of Subject's marriage and identity of his wife prior thereto.

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2 - Las Vegas (RM)		
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2. Will endeavor to verify Subject's membership in the so called "organization" in Kansas City and fact that he and his brother VITO were kicked out of Kansas City, and if so, why.

LAS VEGAS DIVISION

Will verify presence of Subject's brother JIMMIE BALESTRERE in Las Vegas, bearing in mind that JIMMIE allegedly is running the Pioneer Club.

MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

Will continue efforts to determine Subject's activities as they relate to the Italian-American hoodlum element in the Milwaukee area and endeavor to verify Subject's relationship with FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, Subject of Milwaukee file 94-316, Bureau file 92-3116.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Informants

MI T-1 is [redacted]

MI T-2 is [redacted]

MI T-3 is [redacted]

MI T-4 is [redacted]

MI T-5 is [redacted], Wisconsin Income Tax Office.

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FD-204 (Rev. 3-3-59)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: JAMES J. MC [illegible] Office: Milwaukee
Date: February 27, 1961

Field Office File No.: MI 92-166 Bureau File No.:

Title: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject reportedly born Kansas City, Mo. 11/18/18 and currently resides 1634 North Jackson Street, Milwaukee. Current city directory lists Subject as manager, Gallagher's Restaurant, which is a supper club-type restaurant operated by FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI. He has been described as the "muscle" and personal bodyguard of FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, and together with Subject's brother VITO allegedly handles much of the so called contact work for FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI and is reported to currently represent FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI in gambling activities in Milwaukee and Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN:

The files of the Milwaukee Office reflect the following information regarding captioned Subject:

As of 1947, his description was as follows; according to records of the Milwaukee Police Department where he is #36655:

Birthdate	November 18, 1918, Kansas City, Missouri
Height	5'7 3/4"
Weight	140
Hair	Chestnut, wavy
Eyes	Brown
Teeth	One upper right gold inlay Two lower teeth out
Scars & Marks	Numerous small brown moles upper right and left jaw
Father	FRANK BALESTRERE, 508 Harrison Street, Kansas City, Missouri
Mother	JOSEPHINE or CATHERINE BALESTRERE, same address
Brother	JAMES BALESTRERE, 1634 N. Jackson Street, Milwaukee
Brother	VITO BALESTRERE, 1719 E. Knapp Street, Milwaukee
Sister	MARY BALESTRERE, 1634 N. Jackson Street, Milwaukee
[redacted]	[redacted]
Sister	ANNE (Mrs. JOHN) MOLLE, 3636 Gladstone Blvd., Kansas City, Missouri
Sister-in-law	ROSE BALESTRERE (wife of VITO)

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This information is as of September 4, 1947.

On March 31, 1957, Lieutenant [redacted] Milwaukee Police Department, stated that BUSTER BALESTRERE was the son of JAMES BALESTRERE head of the Mafia in Kansas City and that he was often in Milwaukee. (NOTE that this information is apparently incorrect, BUSTER's father's name is FRANK, and JAMES BALESTRERE is in fact BUSTER's uncle.)

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On October 7, 1955, Lieutenant [redacted] and Sergeant [redacted] of the Milwaukee Police Department, stated that a young group was endeavoring to take over leadership in Milwaukee and this group which was headed by PHIL VALLEY and FRANK BALISTRIERI, also included BUSTER BALESTRERE, and that BUSTER was a cousin of FRANK and was his "body guard." b6 b7C

On January 21, 1958, T-1 stated that BUSTER and VITO BALESTRERE are brothers and they are cousins of FRANK BALISTRIERI and they originally belonged to the "organization" in Kansas City, but they were kicked out of Kansas City and they now handle contact work for FRANK BALISTRIERI, particularly in the gambling field. Their brother JIMMY runs the Pioneer Club at Las Vegas and BUSTER hangs around the Casino on 5th Street in Milwaukee and books races in that location.

This informant also said BUSTER [redacted] JOHN DI TRAPINI. b7D

On January 25, 1951 BUSTER BALESTRERE was interviewed in connection with another matter by the Kansas City Field Division, and at that time related that his father's name was FRANK, that he had two brothers, JAMES and VITO in Milwaukee, as well as [redacted]. Also, that he had an uncle JAMES BALESTRERE in Kansas City. b6 b7C

On February 9, 1959 information was received from T-2 that the Corsica Inn in Hales Corners were being run by HAROLD KLEN, AUGUST CHIAVEROTTI and FRANK BALISTRIERI. Informant said BUSTER BALISTRERE and STEVE DI SALVO were bouncers at the Corsica and the gambling take was being cut up by "big boys" from Chicago.

On July 21, 1958 T-3 identified the photograph of BUSTER VITO BALESTRERE, Kansas City Police Department No. 60656, as identical with the BUSTER BALESTRERE in Milwaukee known to informant as a trouble shooter for FRANK BALISTRIERI.

On January 29, 1960, T-4 advised as follows:

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About [redacted] previously, [redacted] and informed [redacted] that he had been sent as a friend to instruct [redacted] at [redacted] wanted it that way and objected to any [redacted] refused stating he had [redacted] in [redacted] and he would not be pushed around by [redacted]. For the next [redacted] in a row, [redacted] personally visited [redacted] LOUIS GRECO's restaurant, 2209 56th Street, Kenosha, which he knew was [redacted] He informed those present that he would continue coming to this place, until he got to talk to the right people [redacted] and not some of the flunkies.

On a [redacted] after the third such visit by [redacted] along with BUSTER BALESTRERE and two other [redacted] not known to [redacted] came to [redacted] at which time BUSTER ordered [redacted] and intimated that reprisals would be taken against [redacted] if he refused. [redacted] again refused and said if they [redacted] they had better make sure he was killed or else he would get the four of them if it was the last thing he did.

Informant added that the BALISTRERE from Milwaukee have definitely [redacted] insofar as [redacted] are concerned and have squeezed out most of the [redacted] entirely. This [redacted] started approximately [redacted] ago when one of their front men from [redacted] named JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, [redacted] FRANK. RIZZO then [redacted] LOUIS GRECO, the restaurant owner to dispose of all but [redacted] According to informant, the other [redacted] is now entirely held by BALESTRERE's with RIZZO acting in their behalf. Informant said the [redacted] at GRECO's are big and frequently have [redacted] and over and they are [redacted] sometimes continue on [redacted] He said that STEVE DI SALVO can frequently [redacted] is [redacted] having no [redacted] but is the [redacted] BALISTRIRI.

Informant went on to point out that this influence is felt in other [redacted] and the [redacted] in town have all but [redacted] because of his influence.

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In addition to the information set forth above as coming from the files of the Milwaukee Police Department, the following criminal record under Milwaukee Police Department Number 36655 was obtained from the files of that department on February 13, 1961, by Special Agent JAMES E. MC ARDLE. BUSTER VETO BALISTRERI was arrested by the Milwaukee Police Department April 9, 1941, at which time he was interviewed, and the following aliases recorded: BUSTIANO VITO BALISTRERI; BUSTER VITO BALESTRERE. He indicated that he was born in Kansas City, Missouri, November 16, 1918, the son of FRANK and CATHERINE BALESTRERE who at that time resided at 508 Harrison Street. He listed his brothers as VETO BALESTRIERI and JIMMY BALESTRIERI, both residing at 719 East Knapp Street, Milwaukee. He stated he was single and gave [redacted] and indicated that he was employed as a waiter at the Royal Tavern, 5th and Michigan Streets, Milwaukee. He is further described as follows:

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Height	5' 7 3/4"
Weight	140 lbs.
Build	Medium
Complexion	Medium Dark
Hair	Chestnut--black, wavy
Eyes	Brown mixture
Scars and Marks	Horizontal cut scar ¼" long, second joint middle finger, numerous small brown moles on upper right and left jaw and on corner of right eye.

The following is set forth relative to the arrest on April 9, 1941: "About a week ago JIMMY BALISTRIERI was in Jackson Theater, during an intermission a collection was taken up for the Greek Relief War Fund, JIMMY had no money and stepped out to take a smoke while the collection was being taken, someone in the audience shouted at him called him names, insulted and ridiculed him in the theater, and Anthony J. Bruno complains that on 4/1/41 in front of pool room North Jackson and East Pleasant beat him up (he was one of men who shouted in theater)." This record further reflects that Subject was charged with assault and battery

and the case was dismissed in District Court on April 18, 1941. The record set forth above also reflects that Subject as BUSTER VITO BALISTRERI admitted that he had been arrested by Federal agents in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1931 for bootlegging (still); sentence five years probation in Federal Court, Kansas City, Missouri; kept probation.

On this same date, Special Agent MC ARDLE examined the files of the Milwaukee Association of Commerce Credit Bureau and contained therein was the following information: a report to the Milwaukee Credit Bureau from the credit bureau of Kansas City, Missouri, dated December 3, 1954, reflecting that BUSTER V. BALESTRERE then resided at 1668 North Van Buren Street, Milwaukee, that he had previously lived at 508 Harrison Street, Kansas City, where he rented from his mother and that he later lived at 4206 Benton Street, Kansas City. A Milwaukee Credit Bureau report dated February 4, 1955, reflected that Subject and his wife, ROSE, resided at 1668 North Van Buren Street, Milwaukee, that he had formerly lived in Kansas City, Missouri, that he was then employed by the Hotel Roosevelt, 412 West Wells Street, Milwaukee, as a bar manager earning $80 to $85 a week. This report reflected that he was married, the father of two children and 35 years of age, and bore the notation "Not employed Pabst 2/4/55." A similar report dated November 16, 1955, reflected that BUSTER V. BALESTRERE, 1668 North Van Buren Street, was the owner of the Kill Quick Exterminating Company, 530 West State Street, and was earning approximately $4500 annually.

On February 14, 1961, Confidential Informant T-5 made available the Wisconsin Income Tax returns for Subject from 1954 through 1959. The 1954 return for BUSTER BALESTRERE reflected he had [redacted] showed an income of $1650 but no source and no tax. The return indicated that he had filed a Wisconsin return in 1953 from Jackson County.

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Subject's 1955 Wisconsin Income Tax return reflected his home address as 1668 North Van Buren Street, his occupation an exterminator, his income as follows: Hotel Roosevelt, Inc., $2650; a loss of $1218.67 from Kill Quick Exterminators. It should be noted that this return, prepared by [redacted] reflects that Form 1B on which Subject's business income was shown

reflects his name to be BUSTER BALISTRIERI of 530 West State Street and that the business return was for a seven month period only. BALESTRERE showed a net taxable income of $1,431.33.

Subject's 1956 return showed a taxable income of $864.03 of which $600 was salary from Hotel Roosevelt, Inc., $264.03 was net income from Kill Quick Exterminating Company on a gross business of $6,045.19.

Subject's 1957 Wisconsin income tax return prepared by EDWARD ADLER showed a gross income from Kill Quick Exterminators of $3,825.80 and a net taxable income of $946.46.

Subject's 1958 return reflected that his wife's name was ROSE JOANNE. He showed no income, and in response to the question, occupation, he wrote none--ill.

The 1959 Wisconsin income tax return of BUSTER BALESTRERE and his wife, ROSE, of 1634 North Jackson Street, reflect his Social Security Number to be 487-03-1260. His occupation was clerk, Hotel Roosevelt, from which he earned $2,300 on which he paid no tax. [redacted] This report reflected that it was prepared by [redacted]

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On this same date, Confidential Informant T-5 also made available the Wisconsin State Income Tax returns of ROSE JOANNE BALESTRERE for the years 1955 through 1958. The 1955 return showed a taxable income of $2,918.14. All income was from a gross rental of $5,005 on a property at 10418 West Forest Home Avenue, Hales Corners, Wisconsin, and a rental income of $720 from property at 4206 Benton Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri. The 1956 returns shows the following income: $5,159.95 from returns at standard deduction $450, net taxable income of $4,709.95 on which she paid a tax of $69.62. Her 1957 returns show no income. The 1958 return was merely a blank Form 1W made out in the name of ROSE JOANNE BALESTRERE, 1634 North Jackson Street, a housewife, whose husband was BUSTER V. This file also contains a letter to Mrs. BALESTRERE dated November 18, 1959, requesting an explanation as to why her 1955 and 1956 returns show rental income from 10418 West Forest Home Avenue, Hales Corners, Wisconsin, and no such income for 1957 and 1958. Mrs. BALESTRERE's explanation to the above

request reflects that she bought the property at 10418 West Forest Home Avenue, Hales Corners, on a land contract from one [redacted] California, who foreclosed on same in early 1957 when payments were not kept up.

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On January 18, 1961 an examination of 1960 City Directory for the City of Milwaukee disclosed that BUSTER VETO BALISTRERI of 1634 North Jackson Street was the manager of Gallagher's Restaurant. His wife's name was given as ROSE.

On January 19, 1961 [redacted] a clerk, Wisconsin Motor Vehicle Bureau, telephonically advised SA JAMES E. MC ARDLE that she had no listing for Subject under his true name or known aliases, but that she had a 1957 Ford, serial number D 7 UT 130876, 1961 Wisconsin license E 21-157 registered to ROSE J. BALESTRERE of 1634 North Jackson Street, Milwaukee. b6 b7C

Via letter dated May 3, 1960, confidential informant MI T-6 advised that BUSTER BALESTRERE of Milwaukee [redacted] the Pizzeria in Kansas City, Missouri the night of April 14, 1960, which restaurant is co-owned and operated by ANTHONY CIVELLA, nephew of NICHOLAS CIVELLA, an Apalachin, New York attendee. By way of background, NICHOLAS CIVELLA's residence, Kansas City, Missouri, was the site of an explosion and fire on the night of March 25, 1960, while CIVELLA and his wife were en route to Florida. It is generally believed the explosion and fire were intentional on the part of CIVELLA, as he has been attempting to dispose of his residence for the past year. NICHOLAS CIVELLA is believed to have returned to Kansas City on April 14, 1960, and a number of prominent Kansas City hoodlums, including NICHOLAS CIVELLA, [redacted] at the Pizzeria Restaurant at the time BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted] on April 14, 1960. The significance of BALESTRERE's presence is not known. b6 b7C b7D

This same informant also advised that BUSTER BALESTRERE, when in Kansas City, is usually seen with JOSEPH FRANK GURERA who has a financial interest in Michael's Tavern, Kansas City, Missouri and is, according to T-6, [redacted] in Milwaukee. GURERA is a prominent hoodlum figure, closely associated with the top hoodlum leaders in Kansas City. He is frequently observed in the company of known hoodlum leaders in Kansas City and is a close friend of NICHOLAS CIVELLA, the Apalachin attendee.

In addition to the information attributed to T-1 above, this informant has advised that Subject and his brother VITO, cousins of FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI who is allegedly the [redacted] in [redacted] for FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI. This informant added that it is through BUSTER and VITO that FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI has [redacted] since Subject's brother JIMMIE BALESTRERE allegedly [redacted] in that community.

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Sergeant [redacted] Milwaukee Police Department, has advised SA JAMES E. MC ARDLE that Subject is generally regarded as FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI's "muscle" and as his personal bodyguard.

Confidential informant T-7 has advised that Subject together with [redacted] STEVE DI SALVO [redacted] and [redacted] are FOF FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI. STEVE DI SALVO is, according to the informant, [redacted] FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, and [redacted] FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI and an individual who is known to police departments in the [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

MI 2-156

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
February 27, 1951

Title

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Character

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference

Report of SA JAMES E. MC ARDLE captioned and dated as above.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-160)

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JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, FBI #4059366, was interviewed on 2/27/61 and [redacted] Kansas City, Mo. PD #76459 was interviewed on [redacted] in connection with the current [redacted] and were both questioned regarding BUSTER BALESTRERE.

GURERA advised that he usually sees BALESTRERE when the latter is in Kansas City, as BALESTRERE's and GURERA [redacted] GURERA for many years has been associated with top hoodlum element in Kansas City and on this occasion was very evasive. It was obvious he did not intend to furnish any worthwhile information regarding BALESTRERE, as he denied knowing any background data regarding BALESTRERE. He expressed the opinion that BUSTER BALESTRERE is the son or nephew of the late JAMES BALESTRERE who was one of the underworld leaders of past years in Kansas City. He claimed that he last saw BALESTRERE when in Kansas City to attend a funeral. He claimed not to know of the business interests or activities of BUSTER BALESTRERE.

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[redacted], who is [redacted] in the [redacted] of the [redacted] ANTHONY CIVELLA, nephew of NICHOLAS CIVELLA, Apalachian attendee, reported that he was only [redacted] with BALESTRERE. He recalls that some [redacted] ago when he, [redacted] BALESTRERE had requested he [redacted] also by the name of BALESTRERE who was a much younger man and who was from [redacted]. He did not [redacted] but on the basis of this previous contact, he is certain that BALESTRERE does have [redacted] He recalls also that BUSTER BALESTRERE was [redacted] approximately [redacted] ago

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and on [redacted] at the [redacted]
He believes that BALESTRERE was [redacted] sister-in-law. He did not recall the name of this sister-in-law, but believed that it may have been the wife of BALESTRERE's brother, name unrecalled, who [redacted] claimed he was unable to furnish any additional information regarding BALESTRERE's present activities and claimed that he was not acquainted with STEVE DI SALVO.

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It is believed that the above information pertains to a previous report of [redacted] that BUSTER BALESTRERE was [redacted] the Pizzeria restaurant in Kansas City on 4/14/60.

Kansas City will be alert for any additional information re BALESTRERE in further interviews in the GLABOM matter and any data obtained will be promptly furnished Milwaukee Office.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: March 7, 1961

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

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SUBJECT: [redacted]
CI

Dates of Contact
March 6, 1961

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka AR	92-164
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316
HUNTER HALESTRERE, aka AR	92-165
TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM	94-268

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[XX] Positive

CI upon interview advised that he is [redacted] by a [redacted] but that for the past [redacted] he has been [redacted] He stated that [redacted] at times but is at present a little bit behind. CI stated that the [redacted] are obtained from [redacted] FRANK HOGAN, crew name FRANK SANTONE. He stated that HOGAN [redacted] every day, gets [redacted] and the other [redacted] such as [redacted] HOGAN and get the information from him. He stated that [redacted] who lives on [redacted] also is [redacted] or [redacted] sometimes [redacted] and gets the [redacted] CI claimed not to know the individual in [redacted] who supplies this information. He stated that he does know that the men [redacted] can [redacted] with the [redacted] who supply the [redacted]

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In regard to [redacted] informant stated that [redacted] has been started [redacted] located on the east side [redacted] just over the [redacted] He stated that a [redacted] there. CI stated that there are [redacted] and a [redacted] for [redacted] He stated that [redacted] evidently [redacted] there as he is [redacted], just into [redacted], and feels that he will draw a great many [redacted] area.

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In regards to [redacted] there, CI stated that JOHNNY RIZZO [redacted] two weeks ago Friday night, about [redacted] but that the [redacted] and due to [redacted] RIZZO by the Kenosha PD and the [redacted] CI explained that [redacted] was [redacted] in partnership [redacted], and the [redacted] above the [redacted] He stated that [redacted] was [redacted] claimed that these individuals [redacted] believed that the [redacted] had arranged [redacted] to try to [redacted], as he was in [redacted] JOHNNY RIZZO in [redacted] CI said that [redacted] RIZZO and also [redacted] in RIZZO's [redacted] CI stated that RIZZO then [redacted] that the [redacted] anything to do with it, and also to appease the Kenosha PD, as the department was afraid of a shooting. CI stated that on about Thursday, [redacted] concerning this [redacted], and that the following were present: JOHNNY RIZZO, [redacted] who is in hopes of [redacted] in on RIZZO's [redacted], BUSTER BALESTRERE, STEVE DI SALVO, FRANK BALISTRIERI and PETER BALISTRIERI. CI stated that [redacted] concerned RIZZO's [redacted] and so forth, and [redacted] by the [redacted]

CI stated that it was ascertained [redacted] that the [redacted] has now discovered that the [redacted] who were [redacted] of

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the [redacted] together with [redacted] whose identities are now known to the [redacted] He stated that FRANK BALISTRIERI and [redacted] looking for these [redacted]. He said that FRANK BALISTRIERI himself would not actually [redacted] the matter but [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DI SALVO would [redacted] if they are located, and he does not know whether this means they will [redacted] CI is more inclined to believe that they will be given a good [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

CI stated that [redacted], that he does not know the place where [redacted] and also does not know if it is still [redacted] He said that JOHNNY RIZZO will again [redacted] as soon as [redacted], and that BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DI SALVO will still [redacted] and also there is a possibility that [redacted] will be [redacted]

In regards to the [redacted] CI stated that [redacted] is actually [redacted] but that he is not contacted except on major matters. He stated that [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI is the [redacted] and the one who actually [redacted] in any matters that are not too serious. He further advised that [redacted] on [redacted] CI stated that in the past [redacted] has been rather [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI, BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DI SALVO. He stated that from what he [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE is gaining a great [redacted] and would very possibly [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI if something happened to the latter. CI stated that [redacted] to see FRANK BALISTRIERI directly about any decisions on [redacted] but they now [redacted] BUSTER. He said that BUSTER undoubtedly [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI but that he seems to give [redacted] in a great many cases, particularly [redacted] CI pointed out that he previously [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted]

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[redacted] and that he has learned that BUSTER has [redacted] since the one in [redacted] and for the same purpose. He stated that BUSTER has quite a few [redacted] who are believed to be [redacted] in that area, and he is of the opinion that BUSTER is very possibly getting a great deal of [redacted] He stated that BUSTER resides at 1634 North Jackson Street. He further advised that STEVE DI SALVO [redacted] with BUSTER and FRANK BALISTRIERI, and that STEVE appears to be getting quite [redacted]. He stated that he [redacted] that FRANK BALISTRIERI is very anxious to [redacted] in the [redacted] but his hands seem to be tied from time to time [redacted] BUSTER. b6 b7C b7D

CI further advised that FRANK BALISTRIERI has a [redacted] and also has an [redacted] of which is [redacted] He stated that it would not be too hard to prove BALISTRIERI's [redacted] inasmuch as he often [redacted] from [redacted]

CI stated that FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted] and that STEVE DI SALVO really handles [redacted] along with BUSTER BALESTRERE. He stated that the three of these individuals get [redacted]. CI stated that the three of them have rented a house on North Van Buren Sreet which is located across the street from Costantino's Bar at 1613 North Van Buren Street. He stated that in the event they receive [redacted] which they do not want to handle, they [redacted]

CI stated that FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted] and [redacted] He said both of these [redacted] of age, and that [redacted] JACK ENEA who was killed in a gangland slaying several years ago. He also advised that [redacted] and after [redacted] he will offer them to one or another [redacted] He also advised that [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI for a period of time in the [redacted] CI pointed out that

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this information on [redacted] should be [redacted] very carefully as [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI's [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

In regards to [redacted] CI stated that [redacted] is definitely [redacted] entirely. He stated that [redacted] worrying about it, and he [redacted] He said that [redacted] is now [redacted] and he and [redacted] and that [redacted] is strictly [redacted] CI stated that although [redacted] name is on [redacted] he is only [redacted] and his [redacted] actually has the [redacted] in the [redacted] He stated that [redacted] name could not be placed [redacted] as he has been convicted of several crimes. CI stated that [redacted] is actually now [redacted] and has [redacted] with [redacted] of it, although he still maintains friendly contact with [redacted] and is definitely on a friendly basis with [redacted] who was always the individual who [redacted] CI stated [redacted] which was formerly known as [redacted] He stated that he understands that [redacted] and he would not be surprised if [redacted] soon put someone else [redacted] He advised that as far as he knows, [redacted] is beng [redacted]

CI stated that Sergeant [redacted] Captain [redacted] all of the [redacted] in [redacted] including [redacted] but still allow [redacted] particularly if [redacted] of the local [redacted] have an [redacted] As an example of this, CI stated that [redacted] is located in

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[redacted] in [redacted] He stated that [redacted] of [redacted] and has his [redacted] He adised that [redacted] and the [redacted] is letting it [redacted]

CI stated that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D
PHIL VALLEY and his union, and that he does not answer to FRANK BALISTRIERI but still VALLEY cannot step on BALISTRIERI's toes.

Of general interest, CI stated that [redacted] and is a member of [redacted] will be the [redacted]. He further advised that [redacted] is becoming more powerful all the time, and is extremely ambitious. He stated that [redacted] is always trying to get acquainted with some of [redacted]

CI stated that a [redacted] AUGGIE MANIACI [redacted], and the charge was [redacted]. He said that the purpose was to [redacted] to get [redacted] and that [redacted] planned to use the money to [redacted] who [redacted]

In regards to possible [redacted] CI stated that some time during [redacted] possibly [redacted] to see FRANK BALISTRIERI about [redacted]. He advsed that around [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted] and that STEVE DI SALVO looked [redacted] and around to see if anyone was possibly [redacted] He stated that FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted] from [redacted] beside the [redacted] to someone [redacted] and told them thathe was [redacted] in a short time and that he would be there for [redacted]. CI stated that [redacted] BALISTRIERI [redacted] but he did not know [redacted] He advised that BALISTRIERI then [redacted] BUSTER [redacted] and STEVE DI SALVO [redacted] He also advised that [redacted]

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or [redacted] he was [redacted]
and that FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted]
[redacted] and he believes that [redacted] b6
He stated that BALISTRIERI [redacted] has b7C
[redacted] but he b7D
does not know what it is all about.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) DATE: 3/27/61

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: BUSTER BALESTRERE, aka
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In a recent investigation conducted in connection with MIfile 92-164 it was learned that subject picked up [redacted] was later observed at [redacted], commonly known as [redacted]. In checking with [redacted] it was learned that this [redacted] in the [redacted]; it was also learned that [redacted] for other unknown persons in the past, according to [redacted]. A check of [redacted] Credit Bureau records reflect that he lists his employment as [redacted] for the [redacted] with a salary of [redacted] and over per year. This is being submitted for information purposes.

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TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 3/30/61

[XX] CI [ ] SI

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

[ ] PCI [ ] PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 3/24/61

Titles and File #s on which contacted

Criminal Intelligence Program	MI 92-145
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO	MI 92-164
BUSTER BALESTRERI; AR	MI 92-166
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI; AR	MI 94-316

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[XX] Positive

CI stated that around [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted] a fairly [redacted] of which he does not know with [redacted]. He further advised that BALESTRERE lives at 1534 N. Jackson St., Milwaukee, and that he also [redacted] of his house and comes and goes to [redacted] He stated that BALESTRERE [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI. CI further advised that on [redacted] BALESTRERE usually [redacted] as he has found that [redacted] and BUSTER is also [redacted] obtaining [redacted] and knowing where he is going.

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CI stated that he has learned that [redacted]

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[redacted] is actually [redacted] which is located directly [redacted]. He stated that all types [redacted] there and that all a person has to do [redacted] is to go [redacted] and he will be admitted. He stated [redacted] or [redacted] definitely has part of [redacted] and that [redacted] are brought into [redacted]

He further advised that JOHNNIE RIZZO [redacted] on weekend o[redacted] after [redacted] He stated that BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DI SALVO are still going [redacted]. He also stated that he learned that ar[redacted] individual by the [redacted] has a connection with [redacted] which is [redacted] above [redacted]

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Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 3/30/61

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FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact
3/24/61

Titles and File #s on which contacted

Criminal Intelligence Program	MI 92-145
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	MI 94-316
FUSTER BALESTRERE, AR	MI 92-166

Purpose and results of contact

[redacted] Negative
[redacted] Positive

Informant stated that a [redacted] is still being [redacted] He stated that [redacted] are. [redacted] PHIL VALLEY is getting [redacted] He stated that [redacted] was being [redacted] by the [redacted] and that there must [redacted] to [redacted] or else [redacted]

Informant stated that [redacted] one of the [redacted] from [redacted] on [redacted] He stated that not too long ago, as [redacted] in the early [redacted] back into [redacted] and [redacted] Informant stated this was around [redacted] He

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[redacted] Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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said that he does not know the identity of the individuals [redacted] but he did say that [redacted] were not [redacted] usually do not have a great deal [redacted] until early morning and other [redacted] would know this if they [redacted] them. He also stated that he does not believe it was any of [redacted] all of whom are [redacted] in the [redacted] area. He stated that he hoped to get information to the identity of the individuals [redacted]

Informant stated that FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted] He advised that [redacted] BALISTRIERI [redacted] and [redacted], including [redacted] He stated that usually BALISTRIERI talked to [redacted] of [redacted]

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He stated that he does not believe there are any [redacted] between [redacted] and FRANK BALISTRIERI, [redacted]. He advised that [redacted] of any consequence in the [redacted] and in particular FRANK BALISTRIERI. He stated that it is very possible that BALISTRIERI may be trying [redacted], due to the fact that [redacted] by the latter.

Informant stated that [redacted] and [redacted] have been very close friends for years. In regards to [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI at [redacted] on a certain morning, Informant stated that if such [redacted] in the early hours when there were very few people around [redacted] it would indicate to him that the men were [redacted]. He stated that [redacted] in [redacted] and FRANK BALISTRIERI very possibly has a [redacted]. He further advised that [redacted] in the past has [redacted] to the [redacted] in the past. He stated that through some contacts [redacted] had access to information as to [redacted] and was also [redacted] By passing this information on to the [redacted] they were naturally able to [redacted] or if it was [redacted] they could [redacted]

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Informant stated that he still [redacted] on [redacted] He stated that the [redacted] have been [redacted] on [redacted] at the [redacted] and that he had just picked up information that they should [redacted] on [redacted] He stated that this information is passed [redacted] through the [redacted] and that from [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI, BUSTER BALESTRERE, and STEVE DI SALVO [redacted] the latter have [redacted] hints that some of the prominent Italian hoodlums from various parts of the U.S. are meeting at the above [redacted] and that when they are there they [redacted] or other means. He stated that he has no definite information that such [redacted] but that it appears very funny that [redacted] at that [redacted] and he also knows that on [redacted] in [redacted] the exact date he could not recall, FRANK BALISTRIERI made a trip by airplane, destination unknown. He stated that as he had pointed out in a previous interview, FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted] at the [redacted] advising that he was [redacted] and would [redacted]

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Informant also was asked concerning possible [redacted] in the country and he stated that [redacted] it was quite obvious to him that it was a [redacted] He stated that he himself was [redacted] by the [redacted] and that he figures that [redacted] He stated that some [redacted] was furnished [redacted] through a connection evidently [redacted] He stated that [redacted] who [redacted] for the unknown individual in [redacted] who was getting the information. He advised that on [redacted] he finally realized must have [redacted] STEVE DI SALVO, BUSTER BALESTRERE and [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI, [redacted] the [redacted] He stated that due to this situation, he would conclude FRANK BALISTRIERI must have known about

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the whole situation and very possibly was [redacted] who had [redacted] and was [redacted] Informant stated that the [redacted] by the following [redacted] definitely indicate [redacted]

[redacted] every time that [redacted]. He stated that he has no proof but that every time [redacted] He pointed out particularly the [redacted] in which the [redacted]. He stated that the [redacted] but that [redacted] was [redacted] then [redacted] and the [redacted] with about 5 minutes to [redacted]. He stated that [redacted] 5 minutes [redacted] to go well [redacted] and hence the individuals [redacted] Informant stated that he listened [redacted] and that [redacted] completely overwhelmed but suddenly in the last five minutes [redacted] really went on [redacted]

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In regards to [redacted] Informant stated he would [redacted] as he was afraid of it. He advised that [redacted], [redacted] and would only [redacted] on [redacted] after the [redacted] He said that this indicated to him that it was felt by [redacted] that there was something wrong and that there [redacted] in for [redacted]. He pointed out that this is the first time he can recall that [redacted] in a [redacted] and that [redacted] who [redacted] and was [redacted]

In regards to [redacted] informant stated that [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted] and that [redacted] all of the [redacted] He stated that [redacted] formerly [redacted]. [redacted] and that [redacted] and that [redacted] but that the only one he can recall is [redacted].

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Informant stated that an [redacted], now resides in [redacted] and has a connection for [redacted]. He advised that on about Tuesday, [redacted] and tried [redacted]

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Informant stated that he has become [redacted] an individual about 32 or 33 years old who lives at [redacted]. He stated [redacted] is always [redacted] and also [redacted]. He stated that [redacted] and the [redacted] and that [redacted]. He stated that he understands that [redacted] but that it was kept quiet. He advised that [redacted] on the [redacted] and can frequently be seen [redacted] on [redacted]. Informant stated that he believes this individual is [redacted] that he thinks [redacted] and is very [redacted]

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Director.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Alcohol Tax Unit Kans. City, Mo.	Buster Balestrere #— 92-166	2-19-36	Int. Rev. Liq. [redacted] 94-316-105	5-25-36, P.G. 5 yrs., prob.
USM, Kans. City, Mo.	Buster Balestrere #1111	2-19-36	still	7-29-36 placed on prob. for 5 yrs.
PD, Milwaukee, Wis.	Buster Balistreri #36655	4-9-41	assault and battery	Dismissed in Dist. ct. 4/18/41
PD, Kans. City, Mo	Buster Balestrere #60656	12-28-47	inv. CCW	12-30-47, rel. by Rob.Bur.on chg. of inv.
PD., Kans.City, Mo.	Buster Vedo Balestrere #60656	10-19-50	inv	10-20-50 rel by burg bur

FBI to submit Dept 3/27/61 Kansas CB 3/27/61 opc

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Identification Record Request
FD-9 (Rev. 11-28-56)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. *This form may be submitted in legible hand-printing.*
2. *Use separate form for each individual on whom record is requested.*
3. *Make effort to furnish FBI Identification Number or Law Enforcement Identification Number.*
4. *Furnish descriptive data and fingerprint classification only when FBI Number not available.*
5. *Indicate office for reply in lower-left corner only. Also list in lower-left corner all offices which should receive copies of available records. Include carbon of revised FD-9 for each office receiving copies and forward with original to Bureau.*
6. *Do not fill in block in lower-right corner.*
7. *Where available furnish Law Enforcement Identification Number and Military Service Number.*

To: DIRECTOR, FBI Attention: Identification Division

Date: 2/17/61

Re: BUSTER BALESTRERE

Furnish The Known Identification Record of the Following:

Name: BUSTER BALESTRERE

FBI No.:

Other No.: Milwaukee PD #36655

Aliases:

Sex	Race	Birth Date	Birthplace	Residence
M	W	11/18/18	Kansas City, Mo.	Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Height	Weight	Build	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Age
5' 8"	140-150		Brown	Brown	Medium	43

Fingerprint Classification:

Scars, marks and tattoos:

Also Furnish:

- [XX] Photo
- [ ] Fingerprints
- [ ] Handwriting Specimens

Return Reply to:

SAC, Milwaukee (92-166)

Send Copies To:

Identification Division's Reply

- [ ] On basis of information furnished, 3-1-61 unable to identify:
  - [ ] Criminal Files [ ] Civil Files [ ] All Files
- [ ] Record Attached
- [X] Photo Attached 92-166-15
- [ ] Photo Not Available
- [ ] Fingerprints Attached
- [ ] Handwriting Specimen Attached

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Subject's FBI file has been reduced to microfilm making the attached photographs the best obtainable at this time. Original photographs received from PD Kans City Mo.

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AIRMAIL

To: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-3116)

From: SAC, MILWAUKEE (94-316)

Subject: FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI
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[redacted] advised that although FRANK BALISTRIERI is not supposed to have [redacted] it is always FRANK BALISTRIERI who gives him [redacted] and authorizes [redacted]. He stated that he has seen PETER BALISTRIERI, Subject's brother and allegedly the [redacted] in that [redacted] on only a few occasions and that [redacted]

[redacted] advised he has been [redacted] Subject, and that when he approached [redacted] would give no answer without first consulting BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted] advised he had frequently seen around both [redacted] advised he knew of no [redacted] which Subject or BUSTER BALESTRERE had in [redacted]

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SAC, LAS VEGAS April 27, 1951

SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166)

CHANGED:
(INTER OFFICE)
BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE,
aka Bustiano Veto Balistreri
Buster Vito Balistreri,
Buster Balistreri, Buster
Balestrere
AR

OO: MILWAUKEE

Reep SA JAMES E. MC ARDLE 2/27/51, Milwaukee.

The title is changed to add new alias, name under which Subject is generally known in Milwaukee, BUSTER BALESTRERE.

On 3/13/51 MI CS-2 made available to SA MAURICE H. PRICE a list of the toll calls made from Subject's home phone, BRoadway 6-5593. The following calls were to Las Vegas, Nevada:

Nov. 11 and 16, 1950 to 3885
Dec. 6, 1950 DU 4-9428

Las Vegas is requested to identify the subscribers to the above phone numbers and thereafter advise if the individual is in any way connected with the hoodlum element in the Las Vegas area.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-104

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Milwaukee (92-166) DATE: 4-28-61

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (92-696)

SUBJECT: "CHANGED" (Inter-Office)
BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
Buster Vedo Balestrere
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Title changed to reflect additional alias of BUSTER VEDO BALESTRERE from Kansas City, Missouri Police Department records.

Rerep SA JAMES E. MC ARDLE dated 2-27-61 at Milwaukee.

Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater Kansas City checked as of 4-24-61 contain no information regarding the subject.

Records of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department checked as of 4-24-61 reflect the following descriptive data and local record in addition to that appearing on subject's identification record under FBI #1057020. This record appears under the name BUSTER VEDO BALESTRERE, Kansas City, Missouri Police Department #60656.

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
DOB:	11-16-18
Height:	5'7"
Weight:	140
Addresses:	508 Harrison, Kansas City, Mo. 4206 Benton Blvd., Kansas City, Mo.
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Brown
Occupation:	Bartender

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Wife: ROSE
Father: FRANK
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Photograph: Kansas City, Mo PD #60656
Arrests:

Date	File #	Charge	Disposition
2-26-35	E-60734	Inv. Robbery	Rel. Arr. Off. 2-26-35
10-21-47	2-39126	Gamb	$5 10-27-47
12-28-47	1-86236	Inv. CCW	Rel by Rob. 12-30-47
4-10-48	2-44093	Freq. Gamb.	$5 & $5 #3 4-16-48
10-10-49	2-61913	Freq	BF $25 #2 10-18-49 BF set aside
		Gamb.	Disch Gamb $1 Freq #1 10-25-49
10-19-50	2-74770	Inv. Burg.	Rel. by Burg Bur 10-20-50
8-6-53	2-108649	Care. Driv.	$20 & 1 day TS #1 8-18-53
9-24-53	9-103260	Speed	$13 #2 9-29-53

Your attention is directed to Kansas City letter of 3-2-61 in case entitled FRANK PETER BALISTRIRI, AR, your 94-316 reflecting the results of an interview with JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, FBI #4059366, a known contact of BUSTER BALESTRERE when in Kansas City.

It will be noted that in the report of SA JAMES E. MC ARDLE dated 3-20-61, a lead was set out for Kansas City to identify the subscriber of telephone NI 8-1189, Overland Park, Kansas. This phone is listed to JOE G. GURERA, 9021 Delmar. This is the address of JOSEPH FRANK GURERA referred to above.

MORRIS "SNAG" KLEIN, FBI #4694729, one of the operators of the Original Toy and Jobbers Mart on West 9th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, one of the points from which

NICHOLAS CIVELLA, Appalachian Attendee, operates, was interviewed on 3-9-61 and denied knowing subject. It is very probable that he was evading this question as he, because of his association with all of the prominent members of "The Clique," would have been acquainted with subject's family.

[redacted] FBI [redacted] who is [redacted] advised he is acquainted with BUSTER BALESTRERE whom he believes to be a brother-in-law of JOHN MOLLE, operator of a local U-Drive-It Agency. [redacted] advised that he believed the reason BUSTER BALESTRERE left Kansas City a number of years ago was because he was unable to obtain employment in this area at that time. He added that in former years when BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted] and THOMAS FONTANELLO (FBI #344518, ranking member of "The Clique") operated this bar. He further stated that he had been acquainted with BALESTRERE's father, FRANK BALESTRERE, who is deceased. He claimed not to know the identity or whereabouts of any other relatives of BUSTER BALESTRERE, but believed that he is a nephew of the late JAMES BALESTRERE. He denied knowing the present whereabouts of BUSTER BALESTRERE other than he was reported to be in Milwaukee. He denied knowing anything about subject's present activities.

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WILLIAM CAMMISANO, FBI #769449, a top ranking member of "The Clique," on 3-22-61 was interviewed at the Kansas City Office. He admitted he is acquainted with BUSTER BALESTRERE, whom he believed to be a nephew of the late JAMES BALESTRERE and who reportedly now lives in Milwaukee. He claimed not to know the reason BUSTER BALESTRERE left Kansas City or anything about his present activities. He denied that he had seen BUSTER BALESTRERE in the resent past.

It is very unlikely that any of these three would knowingly furnish any information of value regarding BUSTER BALESTRERE if such information was known to them.

The above three denied being acquainted with FRANK BALISTRIRI, subject of Milwaukee case 94-316.

[redacted] who is listed [redacted] which has previously been referred to [redacted] was interviewed at Kansas City Office [redacted] He was interviewed regarding the report that JOSEPH FRANK GURERA [redacted] He advised he was aware of this report but denied that this was true. He advised that GURERA [redacted] that existed at that time. GURERA no longer [redacted] according to [redacted] is somewhat [redacted] GURERA having [redacted]

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[redacted] was cooperative during this interview to the extent that he furnished some [redacted] regarding GURERA recently [redacted]

[redacted] advised on [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted] JOSEPH GURERA. He added that BALESTRERE always [redacted] He stated he is not well enough acquainted with BALESTRERE to know of his present activities or business interests, but understands that he operates a tavern in Milwaukee. He was unable to furnish information regarding BALESTRERE's activities while living in Kansas City or regarding his family background.

Further efforts will be made to develop additional information regarding both BUSTER BALESTRERE and FRANK PETER BALISTRIRI in future interviews with local hoodlums.

Milwaukee should advise Kansas City if there is any objection to an interview with BUSTER BALESTRERE's relatives now living in Kansas City.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) DATE: 5/1/61

FROM : SAC, LAS VEGAS (92-337)

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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Re Milwaukee report of SA JAMES E. MC ARDLE, dated 2/27/61.

The following investigation at Las Vegas, Nevada, conducted by SA [redacted]

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Records Las Vegas Police Department reflect JAMES BALSETRERE, FBI No. 3707086, DOB June 24, 1914, Castellamare, Sicily, applied for a work permit to work as a dealer at the Pioneer Club, Las Vegas, in 1954. He listed a previous address from 1922 to 1954 of 508 Harrison Street, Kansas City, Missouri. He advised he became a citizen in 1945 at Salinas, California.

Records Clark County SO, reflect JAMES BALESTRERE applied for a card to work as a dealer at the Flamingo Hotel, Las Vegas, in 1958.

Current Las Vegas Criss Cross Directory reflects JAMES BALESTRERE and his wife MARY reside at 4618 Evergreen. His occupation was listed as a boxman.

No information was developed indicating BALESTRERE is presently connected with the Pioneer Club, Las Vegas.

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Report Form
FD-263 (5-12-55)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	5/4/61	3/2/61 - 4/28/61

TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By:
CHANGED: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka Bustiano Veto Balistreri, Buster Vito Balistreri, Buster Balistrieri, Buster Balestrere, Buster Vedo Balestrere	SA JAMES E. MC ARDLE	EL
	CHARACTER OF CASE ANTI-RACKETEERING	

Synopsis:

Title of this case is being changed to reflect additional aliases of Subject as BUSTER BALESTRERE and BUSTER VEDO BALESTRERE .

REFERENCE

Report of SA JAMES E. MC ARDLE, February 27, 1961, Milwaukee.
Kansas City letter to Milwaukee March 2, 1961.

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FORM 01
Date Received 5-8-61
Date Returned 5-9-61
Report sent 5-4-61

LEADS

KANSAS CITY DIVISION:

At Kansas City, Missouri:

1. Will identify JOHN MOLLE, the individual called by Subject at BA 1-0933 on 12/22/60.

Approved	Special Agent In Charge	Do not write in spaces below
Copies made:		92-166-20
3 - Bureau (92-5130) (RM) 2 - Kansas City (92-696) (RM) 2 - Milwaukee (92-166)		ROUTE TO Mc Ardle READ FOR ACCURACY AND INITIAL DATE 5/14/61

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2. Will identify the subscriber to EM 1-5113 called from Subject's home telephone, BR. 6-6593 on Jan. 23, Feb. 1 and 5, 1961.

3. Will identify subscriber to DE 3-3168 called on 2/3/61.

4. Will identify subscriber to HA 1-9137 called Jan. 23, 1961.

At Kansas City, Kansas:

Will identify subscriber to MA or HA 1-0135 called six times in December of 1960 between Dec. 2 and 22, and January 13 and 23, 1961.

At Overland Park or Mission Park:

Will identify subscriber to NI 8-1189 called on five occasions between Dec. 13 and 23, 1960 and on an almost daily basis in January and February, 1961. If any of the above subscribers are in any way connectioned with the Kansas City area hoodlum element, identifying data should be set forth on each individual mentioned.

MILWAUKEE DIVISION:

Will endeavor to determing banking and financial interests of Subject, including current sources of income.

Will continue efforts to verify gambling activities and alleged position of prominence in the local hoodlum element.

Will recontact MI CS-2 for a list of toll calls from Subject's home telephone, BRoadway 6-6593 since 3/10/61.

INFORMANTS

MI T-1 is [redacted]

MI T-2 is [redacted] Hertz Co., Milwaukee, Wis.

MI T-3 is [redacted]

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He requested his identify be kept confidential.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Copies of this report are not designated forthe Las Vegas Office as appropriate leads have been set forth for that office by letter.

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FD-204 (Rev. 8-3-59)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA JAMES E. MC ARDLE
Date: May 4, 1961
Office: Milwaukee

Field Office File No.: 92-166
Bureau File No.: 92-5130

Title: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject continues to reside at 1634 N. Jackson St., and currently drives a 1961 Chevrolet bearing 1961 Wisconsin license E 21-157. He is brother-in-law of JOSEPH FRANK GURERA of Kansas City, Mo. Informants of opinion Subject gaining power among local Italian-American hoodlum element and would take over so-called leadership position of FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI if anything happens to that individual. Subject apparently uses rented cars for business trips.

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DETAILS:

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

A spot check of Subject's activities on an almost daily basis by SA JAMES E. MC ARDLE has disclosed that Subject continues to reside at 1634 North Jackson Street and currently is driving a blue 1961 Chevrolet bearing 1961 Wisconsin license E 21-157. According to the records of the Wisconsin Motor Vehicle Division, this car is registered to Subject's wife ROSE JOANNE of 1634 North Jackson Street, Milwaukee. This spot check has also reflected that Subject visits Gallagher's Restaurant, 829 North Third Street on an almost daily basis, usually at a time when FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI is also present. FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI is the operator of the restaurant and according to MI T-1 is the leader of the Italian-American hoodlum element.

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On March 6, 1961, confidential informant MI T-1 advised that JOHN CHARLES RIZZO had [redacted] but that this [redacted] due to the [redacted] put on by the Kenosha Police Department and the [redacted] The informant explained that one [redacted] and that this [redacted] claimed that these individuals [redacted] and expressed the opinion that the Italian group in Milwaukee had arranged [redacted] as he was [redacted] RIZZO in his [redacted] The informant advised that RIZZO [redacted] that the [redacted] and also to appease the Kenosha Police Department as that department [redacted] Informant added that on [redacted] a [redacted] concerning the above [redacted] that the following were present: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE, STEVE DI SALVO and FRANK and PETER BALISTRIERI. The informant added that as of the time [redacted] above, it had been determined that [redacted] been conducted by [redacted] but rather had [redacted] other individuals, [redacted] the Kenosha Police Department and that FRANK BALISTRIERI and his [redacted] The informant added that FRANK BALISTRIERI himself would [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DI SALVO would [redacted]

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In addition to the foregoing, MI T-1 advised that he has observed BUSTER BALESTRERE is gaining a great deal of power in the local Italian-American hoodlum element and would very possibly take the place of his cousin FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI if something happened to the latter. The informant added that local hoodlums used to see FRANK BALISTRIERI directly about any decisions in hoodlum matters but that they now normally go to BUSTER. He added that BUSTER, the Subject, undoubtedly confers with FRANK BALISTRIERI but that he seems to give decisions himself in a great many cases, particularly as it relates to gambling around Milwaukee.

In addition to the foregoing, MI T-1 advised that [redacted] Subject [redacted] He added that Subject has quite a few relatives in Kansas City who are believed to be top men in the Italian organization in that area and is, therefore, of the opinion that Subject, BUSTER BALESTRERE, is very possibly getting a great deal of power in Milwaukee due to his Kansas City connections.

In addition to the foregoing, MI T-1 added that through STEVE DI SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE, FRANK BALISTRIERI operates one of the largest horse books in Milwaukee. He added that all three of these individuals [redacted] that they have [redacted] across [redacted]. He added that should these individuals [redacted] which they do not want [redacted] they [redacted]

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In late March, 1961, SA [redacted] while conducting an investigation relative to hoodlum matters in Milwaukee, learned that Subject picked up a Hertz company [redacted] at 615 North 5th Street, Milwaukee and kept the car over the weekend. It should be noted that SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS observed this Hertz rental car at 2207 56th Street, Kenosha, commonly known as the 56th Street cigar store, wherein the RIZZO - BALISTRIERI group conduct their gambling activities. MI T-2 advised SA [redacted] that this car was actually rented to one [redacted] who is known in Milwaukee as a gambler and who has [redacted] According to MI T-2, Subject has obtained rental cars from them for short periods of time on several occasions in the past.

In addition to the foregoing, relative to [redacted] on the part of Subject, MI T-1 on March 24, 1961 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that on any [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE usually [redacted] as he has found that such a [redacted] and that BUSTER BALESTRERE is also [redacted] obtaining the [redacted] and thereafter knowing [redacted] Informant added that BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DI SALVO continue [redacted] there [redacted] JOHNNIE RIZZO (JOHN CHARLES RIZZO).

At Kansas City, Missouri:

On March 27, 1961, JOSEPH GURERA, FBI Number 405 366 6 was interviewed by Agents of the Kansas City Office, at which time he advised he usually sees BUSTER BALESTRERE when the latter is in Kansas City, [redacted] BUSTER [redacted] In this connection, it should be noted that GURERA for many years has been associated with the top hoodlum element in Kansas City and on the occasion of the above interview was very evasive. It was obvious according to the interviewing Agents he did not intend to furnish worth-while information regarding Subject, even to the point of denying knowing any background data relative to Subject. He expressed the opinion that BUSTER BALESTRERE is a son or nephew of the late JAMES BALESTRERE who was one of the underworld leaders of past years in Kansas City. GURERA claimed that he last saw BUSTER BALESTRERE when he, BALESTRERE, was in Kansas City to attend a funeral. He claimed not to know of the business interests or activities of Subject.

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[redacted] of Kansas City, Kansas City Police Department Number [redacted] was interviewed on February 28, 1961, at which time it was learned that he [redacted] in the [redacted] ANTHONY CIVELLA, nephew of NICHOLAS CIVELLA, an Appalachian meeting attendee. [redacted] indicated that he was only slightly acquainted with Subject but did recall that some [redacted], when he [redacted] Subject [redacted] BALESTRERE but much younger than Subject and who was [redacted] [redacted] this individual. Healso recalled that BUSTER BALESTRERE had been in Kansas City approximately a year prior to February 28, 1961 and on that occasion he was [redacted] He believed that Subject had been in Kansas City to attend the funeral of a sister-in-law whose name he did not recall, but it may have been the wife of Subject's brother who is a dealer in a gambling establishment in Las Vegas.

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At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

On April 12, 1961, confidential informant MI T-3 who is [redacted] advised that he has been unable to ever [redacted] without [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE whom the informant indicated he had also [redacted] both of which are [redacted] FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI. The informant advised he knew of no financial interest which Subject had in [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 4, 1961

The following information can be obtained by issuance of a subpoena duces tecum to the appropriate individuals in

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On 4/28/61 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 92-166

by SA(A) ALBERT G. MACDONALD/eltef Date dictated 5/4/61

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
May 4, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to File No. 92-166

Title BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of SA JAMES E. MC ARLE dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

SA JAMES E. McARDLE/EL
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FD-302 (Rev. 1-25-60)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 4, 1961

The following information can be obtained by issuance of a subpoena duces tecum to the appropriate individuals in

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On 4/28/61 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 92-166

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Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Edwyn Silberling, Chief, Organized Crime
and Racketeering Section, Criminal Division

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Bastiano Vito Balestrere - Anti-Racketeering

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent James E. McArdle of your Milwaukee field office, dated February 27, 1961, concerning Bastiano Vito Balestrere. Special Agent McArdle therein relates information regarding Balestrere's association with certain gambling operations in Milwaukee, Kenosha, Waukegan, and elsewhere. We would appreciate your obtaining further detailed information concerning the nature and extent of Balestrere's actual participation, if any, in these gambling activities, either directly or through a front. We would like to know whether Balestrere is merely a muscleman without any real responsibility, as he appears to be, or whether he is in fact involved in the management of these gambling enterprises to any appreciable extent.

At page 3 of the same report Special Agent McArdle transmits information which he received to the effect that Balestrere, along with certain others, had been assigned the job of killing one John Di Trapini. No further details are provided. We would appreciate your determining who John Di Trapini was, when and where he was killed, and if so, whether there may be any definite indication that Balestrere might be involved in the slaying.

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Date: 5/15/61

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TO: SAC, Milwaukee

FROM: Director, FBI

BUSTIANO VITO BALESTRERE
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Enclosed is a copy of a self-explanatory memorandum received from the Department requesting investigation concerning the subject.

This investigation should receive immediate attention and an investigative report reflecting the results thereof should be submitted to reach the Bureau not later than May 30, 1961.

Enclosure

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Report Form
FD-263 (5-12-55)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	5/29/61	4/24/61 - 5/23/61

TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By:
BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka	SA JAMES E. MC ARDLE	eak
	CHARACTER OF CASE	
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REFERENCE

Report of SA JAMES E. MC ARDLE, 5/4/61, Milwaukee.
Bureau airtel to Milwaukee 5/15/61.

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LEADS

MILWAUKEE

At Milwaukee, Wis.

Approved	Special Agent In Charge	Do not write in spaces below
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3 - Bureau (92-5130)		
2 - Milwaukee (92-166)		

1 cc to KC 11/19/63

ROUTE TO: Tim Ardle
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INITIAL: [illegible]
DATE: 5/29/61

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(1) Will continue efforts to determine the extent of Subject's underworld activities, with particular emphasis on any leadership position in which he may be in.

(2) Will report results of contact with MI CS 2.

(3) Will continue efforts to locate assets of Subject and his sources of income.

FD-204 (Rev. 3-3-59)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA JAMES E. MC ARDLE
Date: 5/29/61
Office: MILWAUKEE

Field Office File No.: MI 92-166
Bureau File No.:

Title: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject continues to reside at 1634 N. Jackson St. and to frequent Gallaghers Restaurant, 829 N. 3rd St., Milwaukee, Wis., on an almost daily basis. Milwaukee PD records disclose Subject never considered a suspect or possible subject in gangland killing of JOHN DI TRAPANI, who was killed 3/13/54. Informants describe Subject as the "muscle" and leg man of FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI but in no way in a leadership capacity himself.

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DETAILS: AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Spot checks of Subject's activities conducted on an almost daily basis by SA JAMES E. MC ARDLE disclosed that he continues to reside at 1634 North Jackson Street, Milwaukee, and that he frequents Gallaghers Restaurant, 829 North 3rd Street, on an almost daily basis. In this connection, it should be noted that Subject's visit to the restaurant each day coincides closely with the arrival time of FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, Subject's superior in all activities as they relate to the Italian-American hoodlum element in Milwaukee.

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On April 24, 1961 MI T-1 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that JOHNNIE RIZZO (JOHN CHARLES RIZZO) is still [redacted] and that [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE, according to the informant, usually [redacted] RIZZO [redacted] BALESTRERE [redacted] FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI but that BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted] these [redacted] as he had heard [redacted]

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the place and getting [redacted]

On May 22, 1961 MI T-2 advised SA MC ARDLE that there can be no doubt that FRANK BALISTRIERI is the top man among the local Italian-American hoodlum element, and that BUSTER BALESTRERE is taking orders from him and acting as his "muscle" and leg man. The informant further advised that, although Subject may be in a [redacted] JOHN CHARLES RIZZO in [redacted], there is no doubt that he is acting for and under the supervision and direction of FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI. This informant added that Subject has no more authority or control over anything than FRANK BALISTRIERI gives him, and it is not likely that FRANK BALISTRIERI will relinquish any of his authority to anyone under any circumstances.

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On May 26, 1961 MI T-3 advised SAS WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr. and JAMES E. MC ARDLE that Subject is at best the "muscle and leg man" for FRANK BALISTRIERI, the leader of the BALISTRIERI group of hoodlums in the Milwaukee area. The informant added that Subject, in any move he makes, makes it very clear that he is representing FRANK BALISTRIERI and the Milwaukee group, that he has no authority on his own, never has had and probably never will have according to this informant. The informant advised that Subject as of the present time is [redacted] JOHN CHARLES RIZZO in [redacted] of each week. The informant stated that because of the influence of [redacted] which has [redacted] there is now very [redacted] since the [redacted] on the [redacted] has taken the [redacted]

MI T-3 added that there is not now and has not been for the past several months any so-called [redacted] or anything akin to [redacted] area for anyone. The informant indicated that those individuals who are taking [redacted] area are using [redacted] on an individual [redacted] to make their [redacted] in either Chicago or Milwaukee as the case may be. He added that, in so far as he knows, the Milwaukee group under the direction of FRANK BALISTRIERI is getting [redacted]

With reference to [redacted] into

the [redacted] for a matter of several months prior to [redacted] MI T-3 advised that this [redacted] was [redacted] who undoubtedly had certain connections with the powers that be in the betting underworld in Chicago. He added, however, that [redacted] is no longer in any way associated with the Chicago organization in so far as he knows; that the [redacted] into the [redacted] has now been [redacted] supplies much of the [redacted] being used by the [redacted] and [redacted]

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MI T-3 went on to state that, in his opinion, there never was any [redacted] BALISTRIERI would be given any part of [redacted], which has since been [redacted] on the [redacted]. Informant added that he seriously doubted that BALISTRIERI or anybody else was using the [redacted] area. Informant said that most of the individuals [redacted] BALISTRIERI and anyone else [redacted] had received their [redacted] areas, having been [redacted] for whom they were [redacted] Informant said the [redacted] was the kind [redacted] would want [redacted] in this part of the country regardless [redacted] In this connection, informant added that JOHN CHARLES RIZZO is [redacted] that BUSTER BALESTRERE has very obviously received [redacted] was [redacted] area; that BUSTER BALESTRERE was, in his opinion, an accomplished [redacted] and how best to [redacted] under most circumstances.

With additional reference to Subject's participation in the [redacted] by JOHN CHARLES RIZZO in [redacted] MI T-3 advised that prior to the recent curtailment of activities in [redacted], Subject had been [redacted] the RIZZO [redacted] but since there is [redacted] at this time in [redacted] on the [redacted] BALESTRERE has become [redacted] in the [redacted] and is actually [redacted] whereas RIZZO

himself is [redacted] Informant said that RIZZO is merely [redacted] and is [redacted] FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI. b6 b7C b7D

On May 2, 1961 Captain [redacted] Special Squad, Milwaukee Police Department, advised SA MC ARDLE that JOHN DI TRAPANI was killed in gangland fashion at approximately 1:30 AM, March 13, 1954. He stated that DI TRAPANI'S body was found at 3:42 AM on March 13, 1954 in his 1952 Cadillac parked in front of 425 North Van Buren Street in Milwaukee. [redacted] said that the coroner's inquest declared death had taken place at approximately 1:30 AM on that date. b6 b7C

Captain [redacted] advised that an examination of DI TRAPANI'S body disclosed that he had been shot several times under the right ear, and there were six bullet holes in the window on the right side of his car. [redacted] stated that an examination of DI TRAPANI'S car and body disclosed there were three guns in the car and near him at the time his body was found. The first was a .357 Magnum Smith and Wesson, with a 7" barrel, serial number 82906, which was found in DI TRAPANI'S lap. The second gun was a .45 caliber Colt automatic, serial number 939358, found in the car seat beside DI TRAPANI. The third gun was a .38 caliber Detective Special, 2" barrel, blue steel and plastic grips, serial number 528228, which was found in the right trouser pocket of DI TRAPANI. b6 b7C

Captain [redacted] added that Subject was never actually considered a suspect in the case. He said Subject had not been interviewed in connection with the DI TRAPANI murder, and there was no reason to believe that Subject was involved in DI TRAPANI'S death.

FD-323 (3-28-60)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Post Office Box 603
Milwaukee 1, Wisconsin

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 92-166

May 29, 1961

Title BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of SA JAMES E. MC ARDLE, dated and captioned as above, at Milwaukee.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-104-01

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Milwaukee (92-166) DATE: 5-31-61

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (92-606)

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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Re Milwaukee report by SA JAMES E. MC ARDLE dated 5-4-61.

In connection with a lead set forth in referenced report, the following data is being reported regarding telephone subscribers in Kansas City to whose numbers calls were made by subject.

JOHN MOLLE of the Sarann Auto Leasing, 1404 McGee, Kansas City, Missouri, telephone BAltimore 1-0933, is the brother-in-law of the subject. His home phone is EM 1-5113 at 444 East 74th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

Telephone DE 3-3168 is listed to [redacted] and HA 1-9137 is the [redacted] located at [redacted] This individual is believed to be [redacted]

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In Kansas City, Kansas there is no HA 1-0135 and MA 1-0135 is listed to [redacted], residing [redacted] is listed in directory [redacted] (The subscriber to NI 8-1189 is JOE G. GURERA, 9021 Delmar and is identical with JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, FBI #4059366, a relative by marriage to the subject.) Previous information has been furnished Milwaukee regarding the identity of GURERA.

Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater Kansas City examined 5-12-61, contained a report on JOHN MOLLE and wife, ANNE, dated April, 1961. They reside at 444 East 74th Street, Kansas City and he is president of Sarann Auto Leasing, 1404 McGee. He banks at the First State Bank, Kansas City, Kansas, and at Central Bank, Kansas City, Missouri, which banks are

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frequently used by the leaders of the Italian criminal organization in this area. No information of value was obtained from Kansas City, Missouri Police Department regarding JOHN MOLLE, who was described as born 12-27-14, a white male, 5'11", 210 pounds.

Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater Kansas City as of 5-12-61 contained a report on [redacted] dated September, 1960. He is reported to be the [redacted] and was formerly connected with [redacted] Records of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department reflect [redacted] and reflect his full name as [redacted] born [redacted] white male, 5'8", 130 pounds.

[redacted] on 5-22-61 advised that on that date JOE GURERA at 1:30 p.m. [redacted] where he had [redacted] GURERA commented that he [redacted] frequently but did not mention the names of anyone [redacted] in [redacted] CI is not acquainted with FRANK PETER BALISTRIRI.

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It is anticipated that several informants of the Kansas City Office will have rather regular contacts with JOE GURERA in the immediate future and may also learn of visits to Kansas City by the subject. Any information developed will be promptly furnished the Milwaukee Office.

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RECORD OF INFORMATION FURNISHED OTHER AGENCIES

Orally 5/29/61 (Date) By Telephone _____ (Date) Written Communication _____ (Date)

Information concerning: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Information furnished from File, Serial, and Page Number:

92-166*

Information furnished was obtained:

[XX] during course of Bureau investigation

[ ] from informants

[ ] from complainants or other sources

Information furnished to: [redacted] Federal Bldg., Milwaukee

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REMARKS:

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

[redacted] was given Subject's true name and the following known aliases: Bustiano Veto Balistreri, Buster Vito Balistreri, Buster Balistrieri, Buster Balestrere, Buster Vedo Balestrere. He was advised that BALESTRERE was born 11/18/18 at Kansas City, Mo., the son of CATHERINE and FRANK BALESTRERE, who resided 508 Harrison St., Kansas City, Mo.; that he currently resides 1634 N. Jackson St., Milwaukee; his brothers are JAMES BALESTRERE of Las Vegas, Nevada and VITO, who is currently confined to Muirdale Sanitarium, Mil.; [redacted] however, he was advised that investigation has disclosed that BUSTER BALESTRERE is generally regarded as the "muscle" and legman for FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI. [redacted] was given Subject's identification record under FBI # 1 057 020 as of 3/1/61.

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Special Agent 92-166-26

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 5/25/61

[X] CI [ ] SI

[ ] PCI [ ] PSI

FROM : SA JAMES D. MC ARDLE b7D

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 5/23/61

Titles and File #s on which contacted

Criminal Intelligence Program	92-145
DUSTER BALISTRERI, AR	92-100
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AR	92-164
FRANK PAUL BALISTRERI, AR	94-316
GIRP	94-23 (Kenosha Sub)

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative

[X] Positive

On May 23, 1961, [redacted] advised SAs WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr. and JAMES D. MC ARDLE that DUSTER BALISTRERI is at least the [redacted] FRANK BALISTRERI, the [redacted] area. The informant added that DUSTER, in any move he makes, makes it very clear that [redacted] FRANK BALISTRERI and [redacted] that he has [redacted] never has had and probably never will have according to this informant. The informant advised that DUSTER BALISTRERI as of the present time [redacted] JOHN CHARLES RIZZO in [redacted] of each week. The informant stated that because of the influence of the [redacted] which has moved from [redacted] to a great on the [redacted] and is [redacted] there is now very little [redacted] for anyone [redacted] area since

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[ ] Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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[redacted] on the [redacted] has taken the [redacted]

[redacted] added that there is not now and has not been for the past several months any so-called [redacted] or anything akin to [redacted] area for anyone. The informant indicated that those individuals who are [redacted] area are using [redacted] on an individual [redacted] to make their [redacted] in either [redacted] as the case may be. He added that, in so far as he knows, the [redacted] under the [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI is getting [redacted] of [redacted]

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[redacted] other than that which [redacted] in the [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE was, in his opinion, an [redacted] of the [redacted] and how best to handle himself under most circumstances.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-104-02
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) DATE: 6/30/61

FROM SAC, LAS VEGAS (92-337)

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, Aka
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RE Milwaukee letter Las Vegas dated 4/27/61.

There is no telephone number 3885 at Las Vegas, Nevada.

[redacted] (protect) [redacted] Southern Nevada Telephone Co., Las Vegas, advised SA [redacted] on 6/29/61 that DU 4-9428 is listed to LAWRENCE MUSSO, 1704 Howard Avenue, Las Vegas. b6 b7C b7D

Records Clark County Sheriff's Office, Las Vegas, were checked on 6/29/61 by Sgt. [redacted]. Records reflect LAWRENCE JOHN MUSSO, 1704 Howard Drive, applied for a work card to work as a dealer at the Tropicana Hotel, Las Vegas, on 4/2/57. He was described as WMA, 5'8", 185, DOB 5/11/14, Kansas City, Missouri. He listed no prior arrests and there was no return on his FBI prints dated 2/15/54. b6 b7C

Las Vegas indices are negative for MUSSO.

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SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-696) 7/26/61

SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166)

BUSTIANO VETO BAIESTRERE, aka
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A current check of toll calls made from Subject's phone, BR 6-5593, as made available by MI CS-2, discloses numerous calls during February, March and April to various relatives in Kansas City and suburbs. In addition thereto, almost daily calls were made during March to telephone number
(1) NI 8-1199, Overland Park, Kansas. Kansas City Office is requested to identify the subscriber thereto.

Las Vegas Office is requested to identify the subscriber to
(2) Las Vegas telephone number OR 8-3385, which number was called on March 1, 1960.

With reference to Kansas City letter to Milwaukee, April 28, 1961, there is no objection on the part of the Milwaukee Office to interviewing Subject's relatives now living in Kansas City.

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2 - Las Vegas (92-337)
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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) DATE: 7/31/61

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-696)

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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Re Kansas City let to Milwaukee dated 5/31/61.

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[redacted] on 6/16/61 advised that he had heard that BUSTER BALESTRERE was in Kansas City from Milwaukee during the week of 6/12/61 but that he did not see him. In subsequent contacts with CI, the last on 7/17/61, he reported he had received no additional information regarding subject's reported visit to Kansas City.

CIs in this division will be alert for information regarding subject and you will be advised of any information received.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Milwaukee

DATE: August 2, 1961

FROM : Director, FBI

Criminal Intelligence Program

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
MILWAUKEE DIVISION
DISSEMINATION OF INTELLIGENCE
REPORTS TO U. S. ATTORNEYS

Enclosed for your office is a copy of a memorandum received from the Department which requests that copies of Intelligence Reports concerning a number of listed individuals be forwarded to United States Attorney James B. Brennan, Eastern District of Wisconsin.

Copies of all top hoodlum reports concerning these subjects beginning with summaries prepared in September, 1960, should be promptly furnished to USA Brennan.

In those instances where our investigation of any of the named individuals has been closed or is in a pending inactive status the case should be immediately reactivated, investigation conducted and reports submitted in accordance with existing instructions.

Future reports on the individuals listed in the enclosure should be submitted to the Bureau by separate memorandum containing the statement that the report will be transmitted to the U. S. Attorney within ten days of the date of the memorandum, UACB.

You are again reminded of the necessity for carefully preparing and reviewing all reports submitted in this program in order to assure that they are suitable in every respect for dissemination.

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Director, Federal Bureau of
Investigation

Edwyn Silberling, Chief, Organized
Crime and Racketeering Section
Criminal Division
Dissemination of Intelligence Reports
to United States Attorneys

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It is requested that on the subjects listed below you forward copies of intelligence reports that are supplied to this Section to United States Attorney, James B. Brennan, in the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

BALISTRIERI, FRANK PETER
BALESTRERE, BUSTIANO VETO
DE SALVO, STEVE JOHN
MANIACI, AUGUST JOSEPH
RIZZO, JOHN CHARLES
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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 8/15/61

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY b7D

[XX] CI [ ] SI
[ ] PCI [ ] PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 8/13/61

Titles and File #s on which contacted

Criminal Intelligence Program	MI 92-145
Buster Balestrere	MI 92-166
Gambling Activities	MI 162-1
John Charles Rizzo AR	MI 92-164
Frank Peter Bellistrieri AR	MI 94-316

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[X] Positive

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Informant stated BUSTER BALESTRERE's brother JIMMY BALESTRERE is now staying at BUSTER's house on North Jackson Street in Milwaukee and is [redacted] with [redacted] He stated that BUSTER has [redacted] [redacted] Informant stated that on the morning of interview [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE around [redacted] and BUSTER [redacted] to JOHNNIE RIZZO [redacted] Informant stated that this indicated to him that RIZZO [redacted]

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Informant also stated that he noted in the past few days that [redacted] and one of the [redacted] has [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted] He stated that [redacted] would belong to [redacted] that would be located

[ ] Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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Date Received 8-17-61

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on the [redacted] and [redacted] is [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE's [redacted]. He stated that while driving [redacted] on two or three occasions in the past week, [redacted] on something [redacted] and that every time [redacted] so a person cannot see in.

Informant said that he has heard that [redacted], is a [redacted] in that area and that [redacted] are in on quite a few [redacted]. He pointed out that on [redacted] where he [redacted] and that in the late afternoon, [redacted] came in and [redacted] had evidentally told quite [redacted] and as a consequence, these individuals [redacted] with the [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Informant stated that he [redacted] and that [redacted]. He said that he is [redacted] as [redacted] is trying to get into [redacted]. Informant stated that he is somewhat [redacted] inasmuch as the latter went to FRANK BALISTRIERI and [redacted] informant regarding [redacted] BALISTRIERI. He stated that FRANK [redacted]

In regard to the [redacted] on [redacted], informant stated that it is his opinion that [redacted] himself in order to [redacted]. He pointed out that there was [redacted] in the same [redacted] and there was also [redacted] in the same [redacted]. He said that he understood that [redacted] and that this was probably [redacted] together with the [redacted] and [redacted]. Informant said that he learned about the articles that were [redacted], with whom he [redacted]. Informant stated that [redacted] very possibly sent his [redacted], or at least [redacted], and then [redacted] and gave them [redacted] or he may have [redacted] and told who ever [redacted]

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[redacted]

Informant stated that he based his theory [redacted] on the fact that [redacted] has been known to have [redacted] He stated that quite a few [redacted] and that this was reportedly [redacted] Also, several years ago, [redacted] and rumor around town was that [redacted] so he could [redacted]

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MI 94-316
92-166

P.O. Box 663
Milwaukee 1, Wisconsin
August 18, 1961

Honorable James B. Brennan
United States Attorney
Eastern District of Wisconsin
Milwaukee 1, Wisconsin

RE: FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI
ANTI-RACKETEERING;
BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka.
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Dear Sir:

In accordance with request of the Crime and Racketeering Section of the Criminal Division, Department of Justice, there are enclosed herewith for your information, the following listed reports concerning the above two individuals.

Those reports concerning BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE are as follows:

Report of SA James E. McArdle dated 2/27/61.
Report of SA James E. McArdle dated 5/4/61.

The reports pertaining to Frank Peter Balistrieri are as follows:

Report of SA James E. McArdle dated 9/9/60.
Report of SA James E. McArdle dated 12/30/60.
Report of SA James E. McArdle dated 3/3/61.
Report of SA James E. McArdle dated 3/20/61.
Report of SA James E. McArdle dated 4/6/61.
Report of SA James E. McArdle dated 7/26/61.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH L. KISSIAH
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosures (8)
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Director, FBI (92-5130) 8/31/61

SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166)

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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Enclosed is report of SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN in captioned case dated 8/31/61. This report will be disseminated to the USA, Milwaukee 10 days after this date UACB, in accordance with Bureau instructions and Bureau letter 8/2/61 captioned, "Criminal Intelligence Program, Milwaukee Division, Dissemination of Intelligence Reports to USA."

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Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	8/31/61	3/12/61 - 8/15/61

TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By:
BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRIERE, aka	SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN	nh
	CHARACTER OF CASE	
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Synopsis:

REFERENCE

Report of SA JAMES E. MC ADOLE dated 5/29/61 at Milwaukee.

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THE MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE

At St. Paul, Minnesota

Approved

Special Agent In Charge

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THE MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

1. Obtain complete identifying data on Subject's new car; determine where purchased, how paid for and any other logical information to locate source of his funds.

2. Include in next report information received from Chicago in case entitled, "FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI," relating to Illinois license number 563-206 observed on 1961 Oldsmobile where two men were seen talking to Subject 7/19-20/61.

3. Maintain contact with informants as to Subject's activities.

4. Report information requested of other offices.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee

Report of: SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN
Date: August 31, 1961

Office: Milwaukee

Field Office File No.: MI 92-168

Bureau File No.: 92-5130

Title: SUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Information set out as to Subject's contacts Kansas City, Missouri and Las Vegas, Nevada. Subject still active at Gallagher's, Neari's and in gambling game at Kenosha. Nothing to indicate he is more than agent for FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI.

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DETAILS:

On May 31, 1961, Kansas City furnished the following information regarding the subscribers whose numbers had been called by Subject:

JOHN MELLE of the Saranz Auto Leasing, 1404 McGee, Kansas City, Missouri, telephone HAltimore 1-0533, is the brother-in-law of the Subject. His home phone is EM 1-5113 at 444 East 74th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

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Telephone DK 5-3168 is listed to [redacted] and HA 1-9137 is [redacted] located at [redacted] This individual is believed to be the [redacted]

The subscriber to MI 8-1189 is JOE G. GUERRA, 9021 Delmar and is identical with JOSEPH FRANK GUERRA, FBI #4058366, a relative by marriage to the Subject.

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MI T-3 on [redacted], advised that on that date, JOE GUNERA at [redacted] where [redacted] during the [redacted] GUNERA commented that [redacted] frequently but did not mention the names of anyone he had [redacted] Informant is not acquainted with FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI.

On July 31, 1961, Kansas City reported that HUNTER BALESTRIERE had been reported in Kansas City during the week of June 12, 1961, but this was not confirmed by MI T-3, who furnished the information.

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On June 30, 1961, the Las Vegas office advised that telephone number DU 4-9428, listed to LAWRENCE MUSSO, 1704 Howard Avenue, Las Vegas, concerning whom the following information was obtained:

Records, Clark County Sheriff's Office, Las Vegas, were checked on July 29, 1961 by Sergeant [redacted] Records reflect LAWRENCE JOHN MUSSO, 1704 Howard Drive, applied for a work card to work as a dealer at the Tropicana Hotel, Las Vegas, on April 2, 1957. He was described as a white male, 5'8", 185 lbs., date of birth May 11, 1914, Kansas City, Missouri. He listed no prior arrests and there was no return on his FBI prints dated February 15, 1954.

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

A check of [redacted] which will be available upon the issuance of a subpoena Duces Tecum directed to [redacted]

On August 14, 1961, MI T-1 furnished the following information to SA JOHN H. GANNAWAY:

Subject's brother, JIMMY, [redacted] and in now [redacted]

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[redacted]

Subject, as of [redacted] was still [redacted]
JOHNNIE RIZZO [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
August 31, 1961

Title BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRIERE

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

It is to be noted that the informants mentioned herein are

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) DATE: 9-6-61

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (92-227)

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE,
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Rerep of SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN dated 8-31-61
at Milwaukee.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166)

DATE: September 20, 1961

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (92-227)

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE
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Re Minneapolis letter dated September 6, 1961.

For the information of the Milwaukee Division Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Minneapolis, revealed he has advised [redacted] he does not have to appear to testify before the Federal Grand Jury, Minneapolis, as scheduled and when his presence is desired he, [redacted] will direct a telegram to [redacted] accordingly.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 9/21/61

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact
9/18/61 after being unavailable 8/13/61 and 9/1/61

Titles and File #s on which contacted

FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI	AR	94-316
GAMBLING ACTIVITIES		162-1
BUSTER BALESTRERE	AR	92-166
ROBERT PICK	IOA	162-18
[redacted]		162-2
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Purpose and results of contact [redacted]

[ ] Negative
[X] Positive

Informant stated that he has been [redacted] for approximately [redacted] He stated that he has heard strong rumors that there will shortly be a fight for power in the Italian organization, as some of the younger men are decidedly antagonized with FRANK BALISTRIERI's leadership, and he believes that a great many of these men favor FRANK LA GALBO, proprietor of Chico's Restaurant on North Farwell Avenue. Informant stated that it is very possible that the younger men may request that JOHN ALIOTO, because of his age, step down from the job of leader of the organization, and then the way will be clear to get rid of BALISTRIERI as he is ALIOTO's son-in-law, and as long as JOHN is the head of the organization the younger men could not dispose of FRANK BALISTRIERI as his top lieutenant.

[ ] Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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Informant advised that there were [redacted] available from the [redacted] but that [redacted] within the next [redacted]. He pointed out that over the [redacted] the majority of [redacted] were [redacted] do not like to [redacted] just on [redacted]. He stated that he understands that [redacted] [redacted] will be again [redacted] and will [redacted] but he has [redacted] as yet.

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Informant stated that he [redacted] one of the [redacted] in the Milwaukee area and that an individual by the last name of [redacted] with [redacted]

Informant stated that gambling has tightened up a great deal in the Milwaukee area in the past months since U.S. Attorney BRENNAN publicized the fact that the Federal authorities are investigating gamblers. He stated that [redacted] [redacted] are still [redacted] as well as [redacted]

Informant stated that BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DI SALVO [redacted] in Milwaukee and that they take a great deal of [redacted] from other [redacted] He explained that this means that when the [redacted] get [redacted] they can [redacted] BUSTER and STEVE. He stated that the gambling operated by BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DI SALVO is backed by FRANK BALISTRIERI who gets a cut. Informant also advised that [redacted] also [redacted] but that it is nothing of consequence.

Informant stated that he understands [redacted] and [redacted] are all [redacted] and that individuals [redacted] to obtain [redacted]. He stated that he himself has never done this, and hence he does not know the identity of [redacted] [redacted]. He also advised that [redacted] [redacted] are furnished by [redacted] whose identity he does not know.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 9/26/61

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

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[ ] PCI [ ] PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 9/24/61

Titles and File #s on which contacted

CIP	92-145
INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES	162-1
[redacted]	162-2
	162-14
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO	92-164
STEVE DI SALVO	92-165
BUSTER BALESTRERE	92-166
FRANK BALISTRIERI	94-316

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[X] Positive

Informant stated that [redacted] he has ascertained that [redacted] by [redacted] which is located [redacted] He stated that [redacted] and were told that the [redacted] could be obtained from the [redacted] They [redacted] to try to obtain [redacted] and they were told [redacted] that they were [redacted] of the [redacted] as a result of [redacted]

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Informant stated that JOHN RIZZO [redacted] is [redacted] and so is the [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DI SALVO. He stated that he understands though that BUSTER and STEVE will [redacted]

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[ ] Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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Informant advised that he has learned that [redacted] STEVE DI SALVO and another [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE, [redacted] whose first name is [redacted] that this [redacted] STEVE DI SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE for FRANK BALISTRIERI. He stated that from what information he could obtain, the [redacted] STEVE DI SALVO [redacted] and was going to [redacted]. It all ended up by [redacted] STEVE DI SALVO and [redacted] and giving them a [redacted] before doing so. He stated that from what he could learn [redacted] STEVE DI SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted] over as he had [redacted] concerning their trying [redacted]

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Informant stated that he has also learned that FRANK BALISTRIERI has been trying to [redacted] which was just being [redacted] He does not know what BALISTRIERI [redacted]

Informant also stated that he understands that [redacted] IZZIE FOGHACH. He pointed out that [redacted] at the time IZZIE was murdered.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 9/25/61

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

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[ ] PCI [ ] PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 9/16/61

Titles and File #s on which contacted

INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES	162-1
[redacted]	162-12
BUSTER BALESTRERE	92-166

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Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[ ] Positive

Informant stated that [redacted] does not actually [redacted] but that [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DI SALVO in the [redacted] been [redacted] and that [redacted] gets a [redacted] He stated that as far as he knows [redacted] does not make [redacted] but that this is [redacted] STEVE DI SALVO or BUSTER BALESTRERE.

[ ] Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 9/25/61

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FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

[ ] PCI [ ] PSI b7D

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 9/13/61

Titles and File #s on which contacted

FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI	AR	94-316
BUSTER BALESTRERE		92-166
GAMBLING ACTIVITIES		162-1
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO		92-164
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Purpose and results of contact [redacted]

[ ] Negative
[ ] Positive

Informant telephonically contacted the writer [redacted] and advised that [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI, BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DI SALVO [redacted] BALISTRIERI [redacted] informant on [redacted] FRANK [redacted] Informant stated that he [redacted] FRANK that the latter wanted to [redacted] that same [redacted] Informant stated that FRANK [redacted] informant's [redacted] BALISTRIERI. On [redacted] informant advised that [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI, who is now [redacted] and he

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[redacted] for approximately [redacted] during which time [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted] FRANK did not [redacted] and that he [redacted] that if [redacted] FRANK in a [redacted] he had [redacted] so that [redacted] have something [redacted] It is to be noted here that a surveillance conducted by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN reflected that informant was [redacted] and that the [redacted] on the [redacted]

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Informant stated that STEVE DI SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE have [redacted] He explained that [redacted] was just recently [redacted] BUSTER and STEVE thought it possible [redacted] had something to do with this, and he might very possibly [redacted] He also stated that JOHN CHARLES RIZZO [redacted] which is [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI, has [redacted] for the same reason. Informant advised that he understands that STEVE DI SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted] at [redacted] He stated that as far as he knows all of the [redacted] are still [redacted] on their [redacted]

In regard to [redacted] informant stated that he has just learned that the [redacted] in [redacted] and that they will be [redacted] He stated that because of the [redacted] he does not know any [redacted] who constantly handle such [redacted] who are going [redacted] any this [redacted] Informant stated that Sgt. [redacted] of the Milwaukee Police Department, Moral Squad, has been spreading the word to all of [redacted] as they are [redacted]

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Informant stated that he had learned that on the late [redacted] will be [redacted] which is [redacted] He stated that [redacted] and that [redacted] them up there. Informant stated that the identity of the [redacted] through [redacted] after approximately [redacted] he further advised that the [redacted] to the [redacted] and he could be [redacted]

Informant furnished [redacted] b6 b7C b7D on which [redacted] and some writing [redacted] Informant stated that he obtained this [redacted] appears thereon. He explained that the [redacted] and then enter the [redacted] so that they will know what to [redacted] It is to be noted that this [redacted] Informant also furnished a [redacted] by the same [redacted] as set out above. This [redacted] contains a [redacted] for each [redacted] and [redacted] may be [redacted] In regards to the [redacted] for [redacted] he stated that [redacted] usually obtains these through [redacted] or directly to some place in Chicago, Illinois.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 9/27/61

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASCAWAY

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 9/20 and 9/24/61

Titles and File #s on which contacted

CIP	92-145
STEVE DI SALVO AR	92-166
BUSTER BALESTRERE AR	92-166
BLACKIE BROCCA	92-57
AUGIE MANIACI	94-310
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO	92-164
FRANK BALISTRIERI AR	94-316

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[X] Positive

On 9/20/61 informant telephonically advised that STEVE DI SALVO [redacted] with [redacted] He stated that he [redacted] STEVE DI SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI and the [redacted] evidently for some [redacted]

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Informant stated that BUSTER had an unknown individual with him and was [redacted] which is definitely not BUSTER [redacted] He stated that he had very little chance to [redacted] but he believed that it [redacted] however, a check of the motor vehicle records reflected that this [redacted] Informant stated that he did not know [redacted] and was quite certain that he must have obtained [redacted] He stated

[ ] Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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that the reason [redacted] was because he believed this was a rather [redacted] of these [redacted] as they appeared to be [redacted]

On [redacted] informant advised that there are actually [redacted] and that at the present time [redacted] seem to be [redacted] with [redacted] the reason for which he does not know; but believes it is possibly because they are [redacted] of FRANK BALISTRIERI.

Informant stated that he understands that [redacted], is supposed to [redacted] this [redacted] and try to [redacted] of the [redacted] He advised that [redacted], JOE GAGLIANO, AUGIE MANIACI [redacted] and [redacted]

The [redacted] and he is not certain of the identity of the [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

He stated that the [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI, BUSTER BALESTRERE, STEVE DI SALVO, JOHNNY RIZZO, [redacted]. He said that he would endeavor to ascertain the exact reason for the [redacted] and was hoping to ascertain [redacted] the matter out.

Informant also advised that [redacted] is trying to get up [redacted] and that he is [redacted] in hopes of being able to use them.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) DATE: 9/29/61

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-696)

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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Re Kansas City let to Milwaukee 7/31/61.

No additional information of significance has been obtained regarding possible activities or visits to Kansas City by subject. Of possible interest to your office is the information furnished by [redacted], who advised that [redacted] JOE GURERA has his [redacted] advised in connection with this information that while [redacted] GUSSIE GARGOTTA, an Aunt of Mrs. GURERA and Mrs. BUSTER BALESTRERE stated that BALESTRERE had been in Kansas City about June, 1961.

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[redacted] advised that GURERA is known to have made several trips to Milwaukee in the past few months and it is entirely possible that GURERA may be planning to move to Milwaukee.

You have been previously furnished information as to the identity of JOE GURERA and further efforts will be made through these informants to learn of any additional visits by BALESTRERE to Kansas City or by GURERA to Milwaukee. Extreme care should be exercised in disseminating this information in order that the identity of these sources is not disclosed.

It would be appreciated if you would advise the Kansas City Office in the event that informants or other sources in your office receive information regarding visits made by JOE GURERA to your area.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) DATE: 9/28/61

FROM : SAC, LAS VEGAS (92-337)

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, Aka
AR
OO: MILWAUKEE

RE Kansas City letter to Milwaukee dated 7/26/61.

Records Las Vegas Telephone Directory dated July 1961 reflects telephone number OR 8-3385 listed to JAMES BALESTRERE, 4618 Evergreen PL., Las Vegas, Nevada. Background information regarding JAMES BALESTRERE was furnished to Milwaukee in Las Vegas letter dated 5/1/61.

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Three Here Released From Gambling Quiz

Aide Says Statements Already Made Are Sufficient; Affairs of Oddsmaker Probed

A Milwaukeean subpenaed to testify before a federal grand jury in Minneapolis has already made statements to the United States attorney there.

Miles Lord, the United States attorney, said Wednesday that Buster Balistreri, 1634 N. Jackson st., came to his office "a few weeks ago."

"He told us what we wanted to know then," Lord said.

Lord said that since then his office had "lost interest" in two other Milwaukeeans for whom grand jury subpenas also were issued.

They are Anthony Cefalu, 1612 N. Van Buren st., and Steve De Salvo, 2605 E. Holmes av., Cudahy.

"We were able to develop our case without them," Lord said.

The grand jury in Minneapolis is looking into the affairs of Leo Hirschfield, who is considered to be the No. 1 gambling oddsmaker in the nation. Customers of Hirschfield's oddsmaking service also were said by federal officials to be concerned in the probe.

The federal officials indicated that the investigation would concern the interstate aspects of gambling in Wisconsin and Minnesota first, but that it might expand to include other states.

Lord refused to disclose specifically what sort of testimony he had expected Cefalu and De Salvo to give to the grand jury.

"We were just going to get them up here and give them some exercise," Lord said.

Subpenas Not Served

Federal marshals in Milwaukee could not find Cefalu and De Salvo, so their subpenas were returned unserved to the United States attorney's office in Minneapolis.

In another development, a spokesman for the Milwaukee office of the Wisconsin Telephone Co. confirmed that the grand jury had subpenaed records of long distance telephone calls from his firm.

Senate rackets subcommittee investigators have claimed that Hirschfield maintained a telephone service to keep gamblers posted on last minute changes in odds.

The senate investigators said that Hirschfield at first gave them names of gamblers he called, but then "forgot" them when he testified before the subcommittee.

Denies There's Gambling

Sheriff Floyd Hughes, of Kenosha county, denied again Wednesday reports of widespread gambling in his county. State officials have been in Kenosha investigating the reports.

"We have no gambling in Kenosha county," Hughes said. "Apparently there was gambling in the city of Kenosha because a raid was made there recently.

"I'm aware of everything that goes on in my county and there is no gambling here. And I don't know of anything else going on in the city outside of that one raid."

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MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
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Three Called to Jury Probe of Gambling

Subpenas Are Issued for Milwaukee Men to Testify in Inquiry in Minneapolis

Subpenas have been issued for three Milwaukee men to testify before a federal grand jury in Minneapolis investigating interstate gambling.

Federal officials in Minneapolis said the investigation, which began Tuesday, would involve gambling in Wisconsin and Minnesota at the start, but that it might expand to include other states.

Subpenas have been issued for Buster Balistreri, 1634 N. Jackson st., manager of Gallagher's restaurant, 829 N. 3rd st.; Anthony Cefalu, 1612 N. Van Buren st., and Steve de Salvo, 2605 E. Holmes av., Cudahy.

Cousin of Licensee

Balistreri is a cousin of Peter Balistrieri, who is the licensee of Gallagher's restaurant, 829 N. 3rd st. He also is a cousin of Frank Balistrieri, who operates the Downtowner Cocktail Lounge, 340 W. Wells st.

The investigation, federal officials said, centered on Leo Hirschfield, of Minneapolis, who has been identified as the nation's No. 1 gambling oddsmaker. Hirschfield published Athletic Publications, Inc., which put out the "Minneapolis line" which furnished odds on athletic events. The service was discontinued two weeks ago because of antigambling legislation, Hirschfield said.

Federal officials indicated that the investigation would concentrate on Hirschfield's customers.

So far only the subpena for Balistreri has been served. Officials said he would not testify before the grand jury Tuesday, and would not say when he would be called.

Two Can't Be Found

Cefalu and De Salvo, Minneapolis officials said, could not be found by Milwaukee process servers. Their subpenas have been returned to the United States attorney's office in Minneapolis.

The investigation is being

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Probe

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headed by Walter Barnes, an attorney with the organized crime section of the justice department in Washington, and an assistant, Joseph Corey.

Barnes has been in Milwaukee several times in recent months, conferring with the United States attorney's office, the FBI and the intelligence division of the internal revenue service.

Meanwhile, an independent investigation by the internal revenue service into commercial gambling in Milwaukee continued. A number of persons alleged to have knowledge of organized gambling here testified before the internal revenue service last week.

No Date Is Set Here

James B. Brennan, United States attorney here, has indicated that a federal grand jury into local organized gambling will be called, but said Tuesday that a date for the hearing had not yet been set.

State officials have begun still another investigation of organized gambling. They were reported recently to be checking reports of widespread gambling in Kenosha county.

Hirschfield Is Called

In Minneapolis, four other persons have been subpenaed to testify before the grand jury. Three of the men are reported to be involved with Hirschfield's gambling publications. Another man and a woman also were subpenaed, it was said.

Hirschfield also has been subpenaed. He spent most of Monday afternoon with his attorney, Benedict Deinard, and Barnes and Corey.

Hirschfield testified early in September before the senate subcommittee investigating the possible need for more federal laws controlling interstate gambling. At first he refused to testify, pleading that statements he gave might tend to incriminate him.

Later, however, he changed his mind and answered several questions.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 10/4/61

FROM : SA JOHN H. CASSAWAY

[X] CI [ ] SI
[ ] PCI [ ] PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 9/29/61; 10/2/61

Titles and File #s on which contacted

STEVE DI SALVO, AR	92-165 (HOLTZMAN)
DUTER BALISTRIERE, AR	92-166 (HOLTZMAN)
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AR	92-164 (HIGGINS)
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316 (HOLTZMAN)
ANTONIO CERALD, IGA-US	162-12 (CASSAWAY)
IGA	162-1 (THOMPSON)

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[ ] Positive

On 9/29/61, informant advised that STEVE DI SALVO and DUTER BALISTRIERE [redacted] but only [redacted] and [redacted] as they did not [redacted] and did not [redacted] He stated that he understands that [redacted] He further advised that STEVE DI SALVO is [redacted]

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On 9/29/61, informant advised that [redacted] has [redacted] as he [redacted] on that date [redacted]

On 10/2/61, informant stated that he had learned that JOHNNY RIZZO [redacted] at the same

[ ] Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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He stated that [redacted]. Informant advised that in a [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE the latter told him that they had now learned that the [redacted] to make the [redacted] look as if they were doing something. After learning this, JOHNNY RIZZO [redacted] as it was [redacted] the fact that they thought at first it was [redacted] RIZZO for this and would furnish information that would result in [redacted]

On 10/2/61, informant also advised that ANTONIO CEFALU, BUSTER BALESTRERE and DI SALVO actually [redacted] area during period [redacted] They were [redacted] as they were [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Gambling Probe Subpenas Issued For 3 City Men

A federal grand jury in Minneapolis Tuesday opened an investigation into Wisconsin and Minnesota gambling. Subpenas have been issued for three Milwaukee men and five Minneapolis persons.

The subpenas listed Buster Balistreri, 1634 N. Jackson St., manager of Gallagher's restaurant, 829 N. 3rd St.; Anthony Cefalu, 1612 N. Van Buren St., and Steve de Salvo, 2605 Holmes Av., Cudahy. Officials said the Balistreri subpena had been served, but the other two named could not be found.

The probe, conducted by the Justice Department, reportedly centers on Leo Hirschfield, head of a Minneapolis sports odds-making service. He is among those called before the grand jury.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 10/9/61

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FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 10/5/61

Titles and File #s on which contacted

CIP	92-145
STEVE DI SALVO	92-165 (HOLTZMAN)
BUSTER BALESTRERE, A-R	92-166 (HOLTZMAN)
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI	94-316 (HOLTZMAN)

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative

[X] Positive

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PCI stated that he has been [redacted] for the [redacted] but has kept up with some activities of the Milwaukee Italian-American hoodlum element through [redacted] he has had, particularly [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI. He stated that he understands that FRANK BALISTRIERI is still the leader of the Italian-American hoodlum element in Milwaukee, subject to the orders of his father-in-law, JOHN ALIOTO. He advised that when [redacted] PCI that [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI around [redacted] and was also doing [redacted] BALISTRIERI.

He stated that he learned that approximately [redacted] a [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE and FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted] for a [redacted]. He stated that [redacted] is known as a very prominent hoodlum in the Kansas City area. It is to be noted here that this individual is believed identical with a [redacted]

[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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there, Milwaukee file 87-570.

PCI also stated that he understands that an individual by the name of [redacted] (PH) who is supposedly one [redacted] was in [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted]. He also stated that [redacted], the attorney for the Italian-American hoodlum element, has a great deal of influence and has many contacts throughout the United States with top hoodlums of the Italian-American element.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

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TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 10/10/61

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FROM : SA William J. Higgins, Jr.

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact

10/9/61

Titles and File #s on which contacted

UNSUB, [redacted] Valued at more than [redacted] 34639 & 34640, CHSTPP [redacted] ITSP 87-5070 — GI Program 93-145; WUSTER BALESTRERI, AR 93-166; JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AR 93-164

UNSUBS(2): [redacted] BR 91-1364

UNSUB: [redacted] 87-5220

UNSUB: [redacted] 87-6155 — FRANK PETER BALESTRERI, AR File 94-316; CIIP (Kenosh. Sub) 94-28

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[x] Negative
[x] Positive

- Agents to whom above Unsub cases assigned, advise separately by R/S

On 10/9/61, [redacted] advised that JOHN CHARLES RIZZO [redacted] is again in [redacted] whereas formerly [redacted] This [redacted] for several weeks prior to [redacted] at about [redacted]

Informant stated that [redacted] and others are of the belief that this [redacted] by the RIZZO crowd [redacted] look good in [redacted] Informant stated this belief was based on the fact that the [redacted] and not based on any [redacted] Assistant District Attorney, while Chief [redacted] and [redacted] In furtherance thereof, [redacted] and while [redacted]

[ ] Security informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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[redacted] at that location who made no effort to [redacted] some of the other [redacted] back into the [redacted]. Informant stated that he is attempting to obtain the [redacted] these [redacted] as he has heard [redacted] for [redacted]

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Informant added that [redacted] that at the time [redacted] he did not know on what information [redacted] with Inspector [redacted] by admitting he was [redacted] and pointed out [redacted] as having been [redacted] The [redacted] more though they were not supposed to.

Informant said that [redacted] since [redacted] and no effort will be made to [redacted] to see how things are [redacted] Whether [redacted], has not as yet been decided either.

Informant said that there is [redacted] for the [redacted] The identity of the [redacted] is not yet known but an effort will be made to ascertain this information.

Informant said that [redacted] when he [redacted] was using that [redacted] there and still [redacted] and has a [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 10/11/61

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FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact	10/7/61 & 10/9/61
Titles and File #s on which contacted	CIP
STEVE DI SALVO, AR	92-145 (LOVRIEN)
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AR	92-165 (HOLTZMAN)
BUSTER BALESTRERE, AR	92-164 (HIGGINS)
[redacted] AR	92-166 (HOLTZMAN)
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	92-187 (KNICKERBOCKER)
[redacted] IGA	94-316 (HOLTZMAN)
	162-15 (MONAGHAN)

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[X] Positive

On 10/7/61 informant advised that the Italian-American outfit in Milwaukee which is headed by JOHN ALIOTO, but actually run by his son-in-law, FRANK BALISTRIERI, has decided to get [redacted] to run for public office in Milwaukee. He stated that these individuals are related to JOHN ALIOTO. Informant also advised that there is a rumor around town that AUGIE MANIACI and FRANK LA GALBO would like to take over the leadership of the Italian-American organization in Milwaukee and are undermining FRANK BALISTRIERI by spreading rumors in the organization concerning his activities and criticizing him for the unfavorable publicity he is receiving at the present time. Informant stated that LA GALBO has the backing of MIKE ALBANO. He pointed out that MANIACI and LA GALBO have to be very careful in trying to undermine BALISTRIERI as they

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[ ] Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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would run into trouble if JOHN ALIOTO learns that they are doing this.

On 10/9/61 informant advised that on [redacted] the Italian-American organization in Milwaukee and that these individuals made several remarks indicating that they are dissatisfied with BALISTRIERI's leadership. Informant stated that [redacted] and it is hard for him to understand why [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted] BALISTRIERI [redacted]

On 10/7/61 informant advised that JOHNNY RIZZO [redacted] are still [redacted] and that BUSTER BALESTRERE has been [redacted] the last [redacted] RIZZO [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI. Informant stated that [redacted] is still [redacted] and that the same [redacted] are used as were used [redacted]. He stated that [redacted] still refuse to [redacted] over [redacted] to anyone from [redacted] Informant stated that [redacted] has a reputation with [redacted] of being honest and for this reason [redacted] in the [redacted] will endeavor [redacted] or any of [redacted]

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On 10/9/61 informant advised that [redacted] and BUSTER BALESTRERE is [redacted] He also advised that [redacted] has that he understands there is going to be a federal grand jury investigation of gambling in Milwaukee soon, and he believes that all the gamblers will be subpoenaed. He said that [redacted] receiving a subpoena that he now [redacted]

On 10/9/61 informant also advised that he has learned that FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted] on a [redacted]. In other words, when BALISTRIERI [redacted] may be able to [redacted], he tells the latter about it and [redacted] BALISTRIERI [redacted]

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MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	10/25/61	8/23 - 10/17/61

TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By:
BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka	SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN	ah
	CHARACTER OF CASE	
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Synopsis:

REFERENCES

Report of SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN dated 8/31/61 at Milwaukee

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THE KANSAS CITY DIVISION

At Kansas City

Furnish available current information relative to [redacted] and his connection with FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI and BUSTER BALESTRERE.

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THE MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Approved	Special Agent In Charge	Do not write in spaces below
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1. Continue to keep abreast of Subject's activities through informants and other available sources.

2. Obtain telephone toll tickets for Subject's telephone, Broadway 6-6593 at 1634 North Jackson Street.

INFORMANTS

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MI T-1 is [redacted]

MI T-4 is [redacted]

MI T-5 is PCI [redacted]

FD-204 (Rev. 3-3-59)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee

Report of: SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN
Date: October 25, 1961

Office: Milwaukee

Field Office File No.: MI 92-166

Bureau File No.: 92-5139

Title: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRIERE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: [redacted] called to Minneapolis by USA, Minneapolis re Federal Grand Jury investigation of gambling. [redacted]

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At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

MI T-4 furnished information to Special Agent JOHN H. GASSAWAY on September 18, 1961 that Subject and STEVE DE SALVO were [redacted] and take a great deal [redacted] and that [redacted] FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, who [redacted]

News accounts in Milwaukee newspapers of [redacted], reflect that [redacted] had been subpoenaed to appear before the Federal Grand Jury in Minneapolis, Minnesota, which was investigating the interest in gambling activities on the [redacted]

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The account of [redacted] attributed to the U.S. Attorney at Minneapolis the statement that [redacted] had come to his office "a few weeks ago" and [redacted] According to the article, the U.S. Attorney then went on to say that he had lost interest in the other two individuals from Milwaukee under subpoena.

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[redacted]

MI T-1, on September 24, 1961, informed SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that JOHNNY RIZZO [redacted] in [redacted] as was the [redacted] of the Subject and STEVE DE SALVO, but Informant believed that the Subject and DE SALVO would soon [redacted] This informant said that these two individuals have [redacted] but that all of the [redacted] by the Subject and STEVE DE SALVO.

Informant also reported that, to the best of his knowledge, Subject, STEVE DE SALVO [redacted] FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI.

MI T-5 advised Special Agent JOHN H. GASSAWAY, on October 5, 1961, that, around the [redacted] had [redacted] and had [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI and with the Subject. Informant described [redacted] area; and, it is noted, that [redacted] is believed to be identical with [redacted] in connection with [redacted]

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MI T-1, on October 17, 1961, reported that Subject, along with FRANK BALISTRIERI, had been reported [redacted] from Kansas City.

On the same date, [redacted], located across the street from [redacted], was contacted

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relative to any individuals [redacted] from Kansas City, but nothing of significance to the investigation was obtained from this source.

Subject has been reported by MI T-1 as recently operating a 1957 Chevrolet Coupe, belonging to JAMES BALESTRERE, who lives with the Subject at 1634 North Jackson Street. A check of Motor Vehicle Department records disclosed that this car, which is licensed to JAMES BALESTRERE at 1634 North Jackson Street, bears Wisconsin license N 33-671 and Identification Number JAA 743 407.

INFORMANTS

MI T-1, T-4 and T-5 in this report are Milwaukee hoodlums, closely associated with gamblers and other hoodlums in the Milwaukee area, particularly the Italian-American element, and are aware of their current activities. They have furnished reliable information in the past.

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SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166)

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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Enclosed are three copies of report of SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN in captioned case dated 10/25/61. This report will be disseminated to the USA, MI, 10 days after this date UACB, in accordance with Bureau instructions in Bulet dated 8/2/61 captioned, "Criminal Intelligence Program, Milwaukee Division, Dissemination of Intelligence Reports to U.S. Attorneys."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 10/23/61

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FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

[ ] PCI [ ] PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 10/17/61

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JOHN CHARLES RIZZO	AR	92-164 (HIGGINS)
STEVE DI SALVO	AR	92-165 (HOLTZMAN)
BUSTER BALESTRERE	AR	92-166 (HOLTZMAN)
[redacted]	AR	92-187 (KNICKREHM)
PHIL ALDERISIO	AR	94-314
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI	AR	94-316 (HOLTZMAN)

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[ ] Positive

Informant advised that on the [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI and BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted] with an individual whom [redacted] from Kansas City. Informant stated that this man was not an Italian and described him as a blond big man around 40 years of age, nice looking, well dressed and an individual who [redacted] either with [redacted] or else he [redacted]

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Informant advised that [redacted]

He stated that Dr. VITO GUARDALABENE is an Italian physician who takes care of hoodlums in the Italian-American element who are injured while committing some crime. He said that within the past three months this doctor took care of gunshot wounds

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[ ] Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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of a hoodlum, name unknown, and that [redacted] who was arrested on some burglaries, gave authorities information on GUARDALABENE treating this criminal but that the complaint was squashed by the District Attorney's Office.

Informant stated that JOHNNY RIZZO is still [redacted] and that [redacted] is still [redacted] approximately [redacted] just off [redacted] He stated that [redacted] still will not give [redacted] and [redacted] Informant noted that [redacted] individuals [redacted] He said that [redacted] but that [redacted] for quite a period of time. In talking to [redacted] to [redacted] and he had [redacted] but a few days when he [redacted]

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Informant stated that BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DI SALVO are still [redacted] but not from [redacted] and he has a feeling that they [redacted] He stated that for some reason BUSTER BALESTRERE and DI SALVO are not [redacted] a great deal [redacted] and he has noticed that they [redacted] from time to time [redacted]

Informant advised that he had learned that JIMMY BALESTRERE, brother of BUSTER BALESTRERE, has [redacted] and he is believed to be possibly [redacted] He stated that evidently JIMMY [redacted] and that is why BUSTER BALESTRERE is [redacted] which is the one that JIMMY [redacted]

Informant stated that he had another [redacted] and from what he understands [redacted] is trying to [redacted] in order that they can get [redacted]

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He stated that [redacted] that when he is [redacted] will be made for him to go to [redacted] PHIL ALDERISIO, who in turn [redacted] (Phonetic) and that he will also be introduced [redacted] and will be taken to several [redacted] including the [redacted] Informant stated that he will try to find out more about this before going to [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 10/25/61

FROM : SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN

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[ ] PCI [ ] PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 10/18/61

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JIMMY BALESTRERE	162-50 (HOLTZMAN)
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI	94-316 (HOLTZMAN)
BUSTER BALESTRERE	92-166 (HOLTZMAN)

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[ ] Positive

Informant said that JIMMY BALESTRERE went back to Kansas City about a month ago and has not returned. It is entirely possible that FRANK is setting him up in some sort of enterprise in Kansas City.

Informant also pointed out that BUSTER made a trip to Kansas City about a month ago for an unknown reason.

He also pointed out that BUSTER may be a friend of [redacted] inasmuch as the Informant has [redacted] BUSTER [redacted] in an apparently friendly fashion while [redacted]

With regard to FRANK BALISTRIERI the informant said that he was not aware of any current big deals that FRANK might have going on and was not aware specifically of anything that he might have going in Kansas City. He said that there is still quite an undercurrent of dissatisfaction with FRANK as head man in the

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[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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hoodlum group in Milwaukee, but that he is so well wired, through his father-in-law, JOHN ALIOTO, that informant did not believe he would be ousted. Informant surmised that if FRANK was ousted, that FRANK LA GALBO would have the inside track as his successor.

Informant was asked where FRANK might come up with a sizeable amount of money if he needed it and he is of the opinion that he is well enough connected with ALDERISIO to call on him for money and get it. b6 b7C b7D

Informant has not heard any further current indication of BALISTRIERI [redacted], but said that he heard [redacted] and that if [redacted] he felt that FRANK would make [redacted] He surmised that FRANK would be [redacted] if someone else would [redacted] in such an eventuality.

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TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 10/30/61

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FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 10/25/61

Titles and File #s on which contacted

IGA	162-1 (THOMPSON)
BUSTER BALESTRERE - AR	92-166 (HOLTZMAN)
STEVE DI SALVO - AR	92-165 (HOLTZMAN)

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[ ] Positive

Informant stated that he understands that [redacted] is coming to [redacted] in the near future to [redacted] and he believes that he will [redacted] STEVE DI SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE first. He does not know the purpose of [redacted] except that one [redacted] it had something to do with the [redacted]

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[ ] Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 10/24/61

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

[XX] CI [ ] SI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 10/21/61

Titles and File #s on which contacted

CIP	92-145 (LOVRIEN)
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, aka AR	94-316 (HOLTZMAN)
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AR	92-164 (HIGGINS)
STEVE DI SALVO, AR	92-165 (HOLTZMAN)
BUSTER BALESTRERE, aka AR	92-166 (HOLTZMAN)

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[X] Positive

Informant stated that he had learned that [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI and BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted] used a [redacted] while in [redacted] which was evidently obtained [redacted] FRANK and BUSTER. He stated that [redacted] was very possibly [redacted] located next to [redacted] in which FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted]

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Informant advised that for the [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DI SALVO [redacted] and is wondering if [redacted] although he does not know definitely. He stated that [redacted] he learned that JOHNNY RIZZO is [redacted] and he's not worried about [redacted]

[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 10/27/61

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 10/23/61

Titles and File #s on which contacted

CID	92-145 (LOVATES)
STEVE DI SALVO - AS	92-200 ([illegible])
DUSTER BALISTRIERI - AS	92-100 (MULTIGAN)
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI - AS	94-310

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[ ] Positive

On 10/23/61, Informant was questioned as to the identity of a [redacted] whom, it had been learned, through investigation, [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted] Informant stated that [redacted] is actually [redacted] whose true name is [redacted] and who [redacted]. He stated this individual also [redacted], which handles [redacted] and that this individual is a very [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI and is considered to be [redacted] in the Italian-American organization in Milwaukee. He further pointed out that [redacted] is [redacted] who formerly [redacted] at [redacted] and who [redacted]

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Informant also stated that BLAGGIE BUCCA [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI was [redacted]

[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 10/27/61

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

[X] CI [ ] SI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Titles and File #s on which contacted

JOHN CHARLES RIZZO - AR	92-164 (HIGGINS)
STEVE DI SALVO - AR	92-165 (HOLTZMAN)
BUSTER BALESTRERI - AR	92-166 (HOLTZMAN)
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI - AR	94-310 (HOLTZMAN)
CIP	92-145 (LOVALLO)
IGA	162-1 (THOMPSON)

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[ ] Positive

Informant stated that he knows definitely that JOHN RIZZO, [redacted] He stated that [redacted] located on [redacted] near [redacted] is still [redacted] and that the [redacted]. He said that he knows definitely that [redacted] going to [redacted] and then returning just over [redacted]

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Informant said that he has now learned that the leaders of the Italian-American Organization in Milwaukee, particularly FRANK BALISTRIERI, BUSTER BALESTRERI and STEVE DI SALVO, have now adopted a policy of holding any necessary meetings at "The Antlers" on Highway 41 South at 7226 S. 27th Street, Milwaukee. Informant pointed out that this place is [redacted]

[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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[redacted] and is owned by members of the Italian-American organization in Chicago. He stated that he has also learned that the [redacted] are using this as a [redacted]

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TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 10/31/61

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 10/28/61

Titles and File #s on which contacted

BUSTER BALESTRERE	92-166 (HOLTZMAN)
STEVE DI SALVO	92-165 (HOLTZMAN)
IGA	162-1 (THOMPSON)

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[ ] Positive

Informant advised that he [redacted] STEVE DI SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted] and is wondering if either one of them or both of them may be [redacted] He said that he has not as yet found out [redacted] but that he knows definitely that on [redacted] with [redacted] He said that [redacted] was [redacted] STEVE and BUSTER in the [redacted] and whose identity he does not know.

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[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 11/8/61

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FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 11/7/61

Titles and File #s on which contacted

CIT	92-145 (LOVRIEN)
STEVE DI SALVO AR	92-165 (HOLTZMAN)
BUSTER BALESTRERE	92-166 (HOLTZMAN)
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI AR	94-316 (HOLTZMAN)

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Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[ ] Positive

Informant stated that on [redacted] he was at [redacted] in Milwaukee and while there he noted that [redacted] from [redacted] JOHN ALIOTA, and [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI; [redacted] and [redacted] came down into [redacted] where they had evidently had [redacted]. He stated that these individuals then [redacted] saying that they were going [redacted]. Informant stated that he did not know the purpose [redacted] but that it must have been important and had something to do with the operations of the Italian-American organization in Milwaukee. He said that [redacted] but when he is there it is usually for the purpose [redacted] JOHN ALIOTA, who is definitely still the top man in the Italian-

[ ] Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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American element in Milwaukee. He said that [redacted] is one of the older Italians who was formerly considered one of the "Top 10" Italians in the organization in Milwaukee, and he still carries weight with the younger members. Informant said that several [redacted] who [redacted] who is [redacted] He stated that he was [redacted] and that [redacted] advised [redacted] that when he places [redacted] that [redacted] as they might hurt him otherwise. [redacted] stated that a great many of his [redacted] that he knows are [redacted] through information he obtains from [redacted]

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Informant said that in talking to some of the top members of the Italian-American organization he learned that [redacted] CARLO DI MAGIO are in the same [redacted] DR. VITA GUARDALABENE [redacted] He said that he had previously explained that there are three or four cliques of prominent Italians making up the Italian-American element in Milwaukee and that he believes this clique is headed by AUGIE MANTACI. Informant further advised that [redacted] on [redacted] and that he saw him on the [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Milwaukee (92-166) DATE: 10/31/61

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (92-696)

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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Rerep SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN, 10/25/61 at Milwaukee.

For your information [redacted] was arrested by the [redacted] on [redacted]. He was subsequently charged with [redacted] He was sentenced to [redacted] charges to run consecutively and is presently serving this sentence [redacted]

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He has been convicted of larceny in Kansas City, Missouri, and there is presently a [redacted]

Inasmuch as [redacted] has been in custody since early [redacted] he is not currently associating with the individuals mentioned in referenced report. In the event any matters of interest concerning this association come to the attention of the Kansas City Office you will be advised.

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TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 11/9/61

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FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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STEVE DI SALVO, AR	92-165 (HOLTZMAN)
BUSTER DALESTRERE, AR	92-166 (HOLTZMAN)
FRANK PETER DALISTRIERI, AR	94-316 (HOLTZMAN)
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AR	92-164 (HIGGINS)

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[XX] Positive

Informant stated that he went to [redacted] and that he took part [redacted] JOHNNY RIZZO [redacted] He stated that several other [redacted] went with him but that BUSTER DALESTRERE and STEVE DI SALVO [redacted] and he understands that they are both [redacted] possibly [redacted]

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He said that he has still not been able to learn where BUSTER and STEVE [redacted] but that he does not believe they are [redacted] at the present time. He said that he knows definitely that they are [redacted] and really putting [redacted] He further advised that JIMMY DALESTRERE, BUSTER's brother, has not [redacted]

[ ] Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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Informant pointed out that were he to [redacted] he could find out where BUSTER and STEVE [redacted] as they will [redacted]

In regard to [redacted], informant stated that he [redacted] He said that [redacted] whose first name is [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 11/9/61

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

[XX] CI [ ] SI
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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 11/4/61

Titles and File #s on which contacted

STEVE DI SALVO, AR	92-165 (HOLTZMAN)
BUSTER BALESTRERE, AR	92-166 (HOLTZMAN)
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316 (HOLTZMAN)
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AR	92-164 (HIGGINS)
CIP	92-145 (LOVRIEN)

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[X] Positive

Informant advised that BUSTER BALISTRIERI [redacted] and that JOE BALISTRIERI, PETER BALISTRIERI's son, is now [redacted] BUSTER was [redacted] He stated that BUSTER's brother JIMMY BALESTRERE has not as yet [redacted] that he has [redacted]

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Informant stated that he noted in the paper that congressional investigators have been in Milwaukee checking on the POGROB murder which has been rumored to be [redacted] POGROB. Informant stated that these individuals might possibly get some information on the [redacted] a great many of [redacted] particularly those for FRANK BALISTRIERI and individuals in Minneapolis. He stated that [redacted] a great deal.

[ ] Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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Informant stated that he learned that JOE GAGLIANO is [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE, but that they did not [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 11/15/61

[XX] CI [ ] SI

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

[ ] PCI [ ] PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 10/18/61

Titles and File #s on which contacted

STEVE DI SALVO, AR	92-165 (HOLTZMAN)
BUSTER BALESTRERE, AR	92-166 (HOLTZMAN)
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316 (HOLTZMAN)
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AR	92-164 (HIGGINS)

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[ ] Positive

Informant stated that STEVE DI SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE lately have been [redacted] to the hoodlum element in Milwaukee and attempting to [redacted] to go into [redacted] He stated that it appears to him that STEVE and BUSTER [redacted] for some other individual in Milwaukee who actually [redacted] He said that this is very possibly [redacted] Informant pointed out that FRANK BALISTRIERI is [redacted] at the present time and is very [redacted] hence he is quite certain that FRANK would not be the individual [redacted]

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Informant said that he went [redacted] JOHNNY RIZZO there. He stated that quite a few [redacted]

[ ] Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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[redacted] but that STEVE DI SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE did not [redacted] He believes they are [redacted] [redacted] RIZZO [redacted] [redacted] because they feel that [redacted] are keeping their eyes on [redacted] of individuals in [redacted]

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TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 11/14/61

FROM : SA JOHN H. CASSAWAY

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

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JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AR	92-164 (HIGGINS)
BUSTER BALESTRERE, AR	92-166 (HOLTZMAN)
STEVE DI SALVO, AR	92-165 (HOLTZMAN)
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316 (HOLTZMAN)

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[XX] Positive

On 11/3/61 informant advised that he had learned that the Italian-American outfit in Milwaukee, headed by FRANK BALISTRIERI and JOHN ALIOTO, is going to try to take over Milwaukee's Commission Row, where the fruit merchants operate. He stated that they plan to try to move in on the fruit merchants if they possibly can as they figure that this would be a lucrative source of business.

On 11/12/61 informant stated that [redacted], was recently [redacted] as a [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI. It is to be noted that in connection with the above information the Milwaukee Office has received rumors that [redacted] BALISTRIERI and might possibly be engaged in illegal operations with him.

On the same date informant advised that AUGIE MANIACI, [redacted] are supposed to [redacted]

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[ ] Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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in the Italian-American outfit in Milwaukee which is headed by JOHN ALIOTO.

On the same date informant advised that [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted] practically every [redacted] BALISTRIERI [redacted] known as [redacted] on the [redacted] there. Informant also advised that [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI, who is [redacted] will be a [redacted] BALISTRIERI in any [redacted] BALISTRIERI [redacted] in the future. Informant pointed out that BALISTRIERI is presently trying to obtain [redacted] and that if he does so he will [redacted]

On the same date informant advised that the [redacted] known as [redacted] has changed its [redacted] He said that in order to to to this [redacted] go to [redacted] which is on the [redacted] and then [redacted] He said that there will be [redacted] on the [redacted] that has [redacted] on it. He said to [redacted] there, [redacted] and [redacted] until another regular [redacted] Then [redacted] at the next road for approximately [redacted] where there will be a [redacted] with several [redacted] on it. He said to [redacted] which leads to [redacted] and that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

On 11/13/61 informant advised that he had just contacted [redacted] in regard to his [redacted] He showed a [redacted] which [redacted] which reads, [redacted] Phone [redacted] 7-3886." On the back of [redacted] there was in [redacted] Informant stated that [redacted] instructed him to go to [redacted] and stay there, and that he should [redacted] He was told by [redacted] to display [redacted] of the [redacted] and to also go to [redacted] and show the [redacted] He also was instructed to visit [redacted] where he was told by [redacted] that he, informant, would [redacted] PHIL AIDERISIO.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) DATE: 11-30-61

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-696) P

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
AR

Re Kansas City letter to Milwaukee 9-29-61.

An elaborate wedding reception was held at the Parkeast Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, on 10-21-61, following the wedding of the daughter of [redacted] and the son of [redacted] of the subject. At the time of this wedding informants of this Office were unable to state whether or not subject attended this wedding or was in Kansas City.

On 10-30-61, [redacted] advised that BUSTER BALESTRERE was definitely in Kansas City at the time of above wedding and had remained in Kansas City subsequent to that date. He had been seen on several occasions with [redacted] a prominent Kansas City hoodlum, who is known to be a close personal friend of JOE GURERA, the brother-in-law of subject. CI was unable to furnish the local address of subject, but expressed the opinion that he would [redacted] in the Italian section of Kansas City, Missouri. CI, in discussing the background of subject, advised that when in Kansas City, BUSTER BALESTRERE was known in the Italian underworld as "LITTLE JOE" which is an old Mafia term meaning "killer." Also that he had this reputation as far back as the days of CHARLES BINAGGIO, during which time one LOUIS CANGELOSE, a prominent Kansas City hoodlum figure, was first considered a "LITTLE JOE" for the Kansas City Italian criminal element. It is further the opinion of the Italian underworld that BUSTER BALESTRERE was one of those involved in the Kansas City gangland killing of CHARLES BINAGGIO in April, 1950.

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On 11-21-61, CI reported that information had been received from [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE's that BALESTRERE has or [redacted]

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CI was unable to determine whether or not BUSTER BALESTRERE was in Kansas City at the present time and it is not known if he intends to live in Kansas City and [redacted]

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Further information will be obtained regarding [redacted] as well as the activities of BALESTRERE if in Kansas City. Milwaukee should advise Kansas City if any information is developed that BALESTRERE intends to move to Kansas City.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE, [redacted]

DATE: 12/6/61

[X] CI [ ] SI

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

[ ] PCI [ ] PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 11/27 and 22/61

Titles and File #s on which contacted

CIP	92-145 (LOVRIEN)
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316 (HOLTZMAN)
PHIL VALLEY, AR	94-317 (THOMPSON)
STEVE DI SALVO, AR	92-165 (HOLTZMAN)
BUSTER BALESTRERE, AR	92-166 (HOLTZMAN)
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AR	92-164 (HIGGINS)

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Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[ ] Positive

On 11/22/61, informant stated that [redacted], which he had previously said was obtained by [redacted] is no longer in the possession of [redacted]. He stated that it is possible that either [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted] and he is quite certain [redacted] BALISTRIERI. Informant said that [redacted] concerns all gamblers in the Milwaukee area, is on [redacted] and has [redacted]. Informant further advised that very few individuals in the Milwaukee area, outside of the particular gamblers involved, know about this [redacted]. He stated that [redacted] to him about the [redacted] and it sounded as if [redacted] and had been [redacted] as to some of [redacted]

[ ] Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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On 11/22/61, informant stated that [redacted] is becoming a [redacted] JOE ALIOTO; [redacted] PETER BALISTRIERI, brother of FRANK BALISTRIERI; BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DI SALVO. He said that [redacted] these individuals [redacted] on the early morning of [redacted], and that they went [redacted] and [redacted] and evidently held some sort of [redacted]

On 11/27/61, informant advised that [redacted] until after [redacted] He stated that around [redacted] in the [redacted] and that [redacted] of the [redacted], looked around and left. Informant stated that while there he [redacted] by the name of [redacted] who said he [redacted], and who was [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

On 11/22/61, informant advised that [redacted] has a [redacted] to [redacted] and that they usually gather there [redacted] He stated that the particular ones he has noticed [redacted] JOE GAGLIANO, FRANK HOGAN, STEVE DI SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE.

Informant further advised that he learned that during the past summer FRANK LA GALBO tried to [redacted] of the [redacted] and that he had to leave town for about two weeks until things cooled down as FRANK BALISTRIERI had learned of this attempt, and LA GALBO was afraid that BALISTRIERI's strong-arm men, STEVE DI SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE, might kill him. Informant said that BALISTRIERI and FRANK LA GALBO have now made up to a certain extent but that LA GALBO would still like to take over the leadership from BALISTRIERI if he could work it out.

Informant said that [redacted] made a [redacted], and told him when he returned that he had talked [redacted] about [redacted] and the possibility of the [redacted]. He stated that [redacted] did not elaborate. Informant stated that as far as he can learn [redacted] is actually [redacted] and [redacted] carries very little weight. He said that

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although [redacted] is the brains [redacted] he does not do anything radically different and does not [redacted] PHIL VALLEY.

On 11/27/61, informant advised that [redacted] but definitely does [redacted] so it is very possible [redacted]. He stated that he has been [redacted] PHIL VALLEY [redacted] although neither one of them actually does [redacted] himself. He also stated that PHIL VALLEY still [redacted], which is [redacted]. Informant stated that [redacted] but is now [redacted], and they are thinking of moving the [redacted] for the time being. b6 b7C b7D

On 11/22/61, informant advised that JOHNNY RIZZO [redacted] has [redacted] there and is [redacted] and that [redacted] is [redacted]

He stated that the [redacted] concerning [redacted] and on the [redacted] had a photograph of [redacted] where [redacted] is going on. The [redacted] set forth that FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted] He stated that BALISTRIERI [redacted] and someone asked BALISTRIERI why he [redacted] and BALISTRIERI [redacted]. Informant further advised that [redacted] one of [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI. He stated that [redacted] he learned that [redacted] are [redacted] and have [redacted] coming in during the day. He said that [redacted] to another [redacted] very shortly as a result of the [redacted] given by the [redacted]

On 11/27/61, informant advised that he has learned that the [redacted] as a result of the [redacted] and will have its [redacted]. Informant stated that he does not know whether [redacted]

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with [redacted], but he learned that [redacted] originally figured to have an individual by the name of [redacted] just across the [redacted] which is also across [redacted], and this individual will [redacted] also planned to have [redacted] could call him and tell [redacted] that an individual was on his way and could give his name and also [redacted] so that it could be checked and possibly [redacted].

On 11/22/61, informant advised that he had learned through a [redacted] that FRANK BALISTRIERI supposedly [redacted] the [redacted]

On 11/22/61, informant advised that from conversations he has had with some members of the Italian-American outfit in Milwaukee he has gathered that someone from that outfit is trying [redacted]. The outfit feels that they will be better off with [redacted] of the [redacted]. He stated that the outfit has not been able to [redacted] and that they are also [redacted] becoming any more powerful in [redacted] as he is honest and they cannot get along with him.

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On 11/27/61, informant stated that [redacted] is still [redacted], which was [redacted] IZZY POGROD until the latter's death and that [redacted] but informant still believes that FRANK BALISTRIERI has [redacted]

Informant on 11/27/61 stated that [redacted] He stated that they are [redacted] among several different [redacted] He further advised that [redacted], he visited [redacted] JOE GAGLIANO, [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI and STEVE DI SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted] for a period of time during the evening. He stated that STEVE DI SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE were [redacted] JOE GAGLIANO and [redacted] He said that [redacted] and a little later FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted]

SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-145) 12/8/61

SA CLARK E. LOVRIEN

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ReBulet entitled "FRANK HOGAN; [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE; ROBERT PICK;"ITWI (92-145-309).

Files have previously beenopened as follows:

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[redacted]	162-14
BUSTER BALESTRERE	92-166
ROBERT PICK	162-18

There is no current file on FRANK HOGAN whose true name is FRANK SANSONE.

In accordance with Bureau instructions contained in referenced letter, the above cases should be closed and new ITWI (165) cases opened on each. In addition, a new ITWI (165) case should be opened on FRANK SANSONE, aka FRANK HOGAN. Copies of this memo will be used to close the old cases and open the new.

Copies to:

1 - 92-145
1 - 162-14
1 - 162-18
1 - 92-166
2 - 165- (new - [redacted])
2 - 165- (new - BUSTER BALESTRERE)
2 - 165- (new - ROBERT PICK)
2 - 165- (new - FRANK SANSONE)

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Report by Pearson. 0-1 advised "Case closed". Bu advised by ltr 1/29/61, that ITWI case opened on subject.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 12/8/61

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASCAWAY

[X] CI [ ] SI

[ ] PCI [ ] PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 12/4/61

Titles and File #s on which contacted

CIP	92-145 (LOVRIEN)
BUSTER BALESTRERE	92-166 (HOLTZMAN)
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316 (HOLTZMAN)

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[ ] Positive

Informant was questioned concerning BUSTER BALESTRERE being in Kansas City around 10/21/61 to attend a wedding of the daughter of [redacted] and the son of [redacted] Informant stated that he knows nothing about BUSTER being in Kansas City at that time; however, he does know that around the latter part of October, 1961, BUSTER BALESTRERE was not seen around Milwaukee, Wis. He further advised that he knows nothing about BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted] However, he said that BUSTER has since June of 1961 talked about returning to Kansas City, Mo., to live, but he understands that FRANK BALISTRIERI doesn't want BUSTER to go back to Kansas City as he needs him in Milwaukee. Informant said that BUSTER has quite a bit of money and could very easily [redacted] Informant also pointed out that BUSTER's brother, JIMMY BALESTRERE, [redacted] for several [redacted] BUSTER, and

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[ ] Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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approximately [redacted] JIMMY BALESTRERE [redacted] b6
for [redacted] and informant understood that JIMMY was [redacted] b7C
[redacted]. He pointed out that it is very possible that b7D
BUSTER might [redacted] and have his brother, JIMMY
BALESTRERE, [redacted]

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Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 12/15/61

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

[ ] CI [ ] SI

[X] PCI [ ] PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 12/14/61

Titles and File #s on which contacted

CIP	92-145	(LOVRIEN)
STEVE DI SALVO, AR	92-165	(HOLTZMAN)
BUSTER BALISTRIERI, AR	92-166	(HOLTZMAN)
FRANK BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316	
IGA-WS-LT	162-1	(THOMPSON)
[redacted] IGA-WS	162-2	(KNICKREHM)
[redacted] IGA-WS	162-14	(KNICKREHM)
[redacted] SAM CERALIN, IGA-WS	162-23	(CURRAN)

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative

[X] Positive

Informant advised that he had learned that FRANK BALISTRIERI has [redacted] in Milwaukee and that these are [redacted] FRANK HOGAN, who is also known as FRANK SANSONE. Informant stated that FRANK HOGAN [redacted] and [redacted] He stated that [redacted] HOGAN [redacted] and that HOGAN [redacted] to obtain [redacted] and [redacted] HOGAN also [redacted] about obtaining this information from [redacted] HOGAN was [redacted] located near [redacted]

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[ ] Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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Informant advised that [redacted]

Informant stated that [redacted], BUSTER, and his brother [redacted] and must receive [redacted] done there. Informant stated that [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted]

In regard to [redacted], informant said that [redacted] has indicated that he has [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI. [redacted] BALISTRIERI is [redacted] informant as he [redacted] that informant had [redacted] from time to time by [redacted] BALISTRIERI [redacted] that informant [redacted] and [redacted]

Informant said that he learned through [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI at [redacted] FRANK recently [redacted] He stated that some of the [redacted] on the [redacted] those [redacted] for the purpose of some [redacted]. FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted] to each [redacted] and furnished them with [redacted] Informant said that according to [redacted] the reason for this was that [redacted] very shortly will be [redacted] BALISTRIERI [redacted]

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Informant stated that approximately [redacted] in [redacted] From what informant could learn, approximately [redacted] and there is a feeling around town that [redacted] was possibly [redacted] BUSTER BALISTRIERI and STEVE DI SALVO or else [redacted] and [redacted] Informant stated that [redacted] DI SALVO or BALESTRERE but that all [redacted] was [redacted] Informant pointed out that when they [redacted] BALESTRERE and DI SALVO who are [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI.

Informant stated that he has also heard that [redacted] advises the [redacted] when their [redacted]

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Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 12/15/61

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY b7D

[X] CI [ ] SI
[ ] PCI [ ] PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 12/9/61

Titles and File #s on which contacted

CIP	92-145 (LOVRIEN)
BUSTER BALESTRERE	92-166 (HOLTZMAN)

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[ ] Positive

Informant advised that BUSTER BALESTRERE is now driving a 1962 blue and white Chevrolet, Wisconsin license E 21157. He further pointed out that when BUSTER [redacted] b7D

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[ ] Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 12/10/61

FROM : SA JOHN H. GARBANY

[X] CI [ ] SI

[ ] PCI [ ] PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact

10/14/61, after being unavailable 11/24/61.

Titles and File #s on which contacted

GTP	62-145 ([illegible])
STEVE DI SALVO A-1	62-105 (HOLZMAN)
BUSTER BALISTRERI A-1	62-106 (HOLZMAN)
FRANK BALISTRERI A-1	[illegible]
TOM WILSON	162-1 ([illegible])
[redacted] IGA-13	162-2 (MINGRELLI)
[redacted] IGA-13	162-14 (HITCHCOCK)
Purpo[redacted]	162-23 ([illegible])

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[ ] Negative
[X] Positive

Informant advised that [redacted] is really becoming [redacted]. He said that [redacted] to FRANK BALISTRERI [redacted]. Informant advised that he [redacted] and noted that the letter [redacted] of the [redacted]. He said that [redacted] BUSTER BALISTRERI came [redacted] and looked around and then left after making some [redacted].

Informant said that BUSTER BALISTRERI [redacted] FRANK BALISTRERI in [redacted] which the letter [redacted]. He said that [redacted] for some reason and will have nothing to do [redacted].

Informant stated that in the last two or three weeks he had

[ ] Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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observed that a great many of hoodlums in the Italian-American element including AUGIE MANIACHI will [redacted] in Milwaukee, and he is wondering, if there may possibly be a change in the leadership of the Italian-American element in the near future. He said that he has heard a great deal of grumbling concerning FRANK BALISTRIERI and that many of the hoodlums would like to see FRANK LA GALBO take over the leadership from FRANKIE. b6 b7C b7D

Informant said that he learned that [redacted] was [redacted] by some of [redacted] or so ago, and that [redacted]. He said that [redacted] and that the individuals [redacted] were well acquainted [redacted] and where he [redacted]. Informant pointed out [redacted] at which time he claimed he lost [redacted]. Informant said that he could not say for certain if BUSTER BALESTRERE or STEVE DI SALVO [redacted] but he would not be surprised if [redacted]

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Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 1/2/62

[X] CI [ ] SI [ ] PCI [ ] PSI

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FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 12/21/61

Titles and File #s on which contacted

BUSTER BALESTRERE	92-166 (HOLTZMAN)
STEVE DI SALVO	92-165 (HOLTZMAN)

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[ ] Positive

Informant advised that during that [redacted] an additional [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE on [redacted] and that [redacted] were now feeling more [redacted] and he did not believe that he would [redacted] with them if [redacted] some of the [redacted]

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Informant was questioned as to the identity of one [redacted] whom STEVE DI SALVO listed [redacted] and also as to the identity of [redacted] which DI SALVO also listed [redacted] on his [redacted] Informant stated that [redacted] resides in [redacted] is a [redacted] STEVE DI SALVO and [redacted]. He stated that in his opinion this is [redacted] DI SALVO [redacted] as he [redacted] DI SALVO for quite [redacted] and during that period has not [redacted] in any gainful

[ ] Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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[redacted] He stated that he does not know [redacted] although it is very possible that it is [redacted]

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Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 1/25/62

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

[XX] CI [ ] SI b7D

[ ] PCI [ ] PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 1/16/62 by GASSAWAY & [redacted] b6 b7C

Titles and File #s on which contacted

BUSTER BALESTRERE, AR	92-166 (HOLTZMAN)
FRANK BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316 (HOLTZMAN)
STEVE DI SALVO, AR	92-165 (HOLTZMAN)
CIP	92-145 (LOVRIEN)

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[XX] Positive

Informant stated that he understands [redacted] Dr. VITO GUARDALABENE [redacted] which is [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI, was just [redacted] area which followed [redacted] He stated that he does not know what took place [redacted] but it must have been of some importance [redacted] Informant stated that he learned that approximately [redacted] before Christmas 20 or 25 leaders of the Italian-American organization from various sections of the United States came to Milwaukee and [redacted]. He stated that he did not know the identity of the out-of-town persons attending this meeting, but understood that there were representatives from Kansas City and Chicago as well as others. He said that from what he could learn, BUSTER BALESTRERE, b6 b7C b7D

[ ] Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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STEVE DI SALVO and FRANK BALISTRIERI were [redacted] Dr. GUARDALABENE who, according to Informant, is a doctor for the Milwaukee Italian-American hoodlum element.

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RECORD OF INFORMATION FURNISHED OTHER AGENCIES

Orally 2-26-62 (date) By Telephone _____ (date) Written Communication _____ (date)

Information concerning:

Joseph Frank Gurera, FBI # 4059366, photo loaned for copying (same was returned).

Information furnished from File, Serial, and Page Number:

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Information furnished was obtained:

- [x] during course of Bureau investigation
- [ ] from informants
- [ ] from complainants or other sources

Information furnished to: Sgt. [redacted] b6 b7C

Remarks: Spec. Agent, Milw PD.

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Special Agent

URGENT 3-24-62 4-00 PM JEM

TO SAC, MILWAUKEE /92-166/

FROM SAC, LAS VEGAS /92-337/ /RUC/

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, AKA, AR. RELVLET SEPT. TWO EIGHT LAST IN CAPTIONED MATTER AND MILWAUKEE AIRTEL OF MARCH NINETEEN LAST CONCERNING VISIT OF SOURCE OF SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY TO LV. SAID SOURCE ADVISED LV OFFICE MARCH TWO FOUR INSTANT HE HAD TELEPHONIC INFORMATION FROM MILWAUKEE TODAY THAT STEVE DI SALVO, BUSTER BALESTRERE AND FRANK BALESTRERE MAY BE [redacted] THAT THEY ARE DEFINITELY [redacted] SOMETIME TONIGHT. SOURCE REQUESTED THIS INFORMATION BE RELAYED TO SAC KISSIAH. SOURCE ALSO INFORMED HE IS [redacted] BUT WILL [redacted]

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S.A. Holtzman advised 6:15 pm instant per SAC instruction

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) DATE: 6/12/62

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-696) - RUC -

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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OO: Milwaukee

Re Kansas City letter to Milwaukee dated 4/30/62.

On June 7, 1962, [redacted] advised that BUSTER BALESTRERE's brother, who operates Peppino's Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria at 51st and Main, Kansas City, Missouri, is named JAMES instead of TONY, as previously reported. JAMES BALESTRERE is presently engaged full-time in the operation of the restaurant. CI stated BUSTER continues to reside in Milwaukee and CI has developed no information reflecting he intends to return to Kansas City to reside.

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO : FILE (92-0) DATE: 9/20/62

FROM : SAC JOSEPH L. KISSIAH

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
MILWAUKEE DIVISION
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Under dates of 8/30 and 8/31/62 respectively, in the cases entitled "PETER FRANK BALISTRIERI, AR" and "AUGUST JOSEPH MANIACI, AR", MI files 92-226 and 94-318, the Bureau instructed that this Office reopen all closed hoodlum cases at six-months intervals, conduct appropriate inquiry and submit results in report form in order to insure up-to-date coverage of all hoodlum activities. The Bureau further stated, "Specific recommendations as to additional investigation and reasons therefor" should be set forth in the cover pages.

A survey of the closed hoodlum cases previously investigated by this Office discloses the following are to be opened in keeping with Bureau instructions:

JOHN ALIOTO	92-84	Assigned to SA KNICKREHM
BUSTER BALESTRERE	92-166	Assigned SA HOLTZMAN (To be opened upon submission of report closing 165-15)

1 - 92-0	1 - 92-226	1 - 94-319
1 - 92-00	1 - 92-227	1 - 94-320
1 - 92-57	1 - 92-257	1 - 94-321
1 - 92-84	1 - 92-269	1 - 94-322
1 - 92-107	1 - 94-315	
1 - 92-164	1 - 94-316	
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WALTER BROCCA	92-57	Assigned SA CULBERSON
RALPH CAPONE	94-319	Assigned SA MC CARRIER
[redacted]	94-320	Assigned SA HIGGINS
[redacted]	94-322	Assigned SA MUELLER
[redacted]	94-321	Assigned SA KNICKREHM
[redacted]	94-315	Assigned SA KENNEY
PHIL VALLEY	94-317	Assigned SA [redacted]

Agents to whom the above cases are assigned will submit reports within 45 days of reopening without fail.

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A review of hoodlum files disclosed that the following cases are currently pending:

JOHN AIELLO	92-227	Assigned SA THOMPSON
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI	94-316	Assigned SA HOLTZMAN
PETER FRANK BALISTRIERI	92-226	Assigned SA HOLTZMAN
STEVE DI SALVO	92-165	Assigned SA HOLTZMAN
JOSEPH GURERA	92-257	Assigned SA HOLTZMAN
AUGUST JOSEPH MANIACI	94-318	Assigned SA THOMPSON
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO	92-164	Assigned SA HIGGINS
JOSEPH SEIFERT	92-107	Assigned SA THOMPSON
[redacted]	92-269	Assigned SA HIGGINS

IN ORDER THAT HOODLUM CASES MAY BE REOPENED AT SIX-MONTHS INTERVALS, AS INSTRUCTED BY THE BUREAU, IT WILL BE THE DUTY OF EACH AGENT WHO CLOSES ONE OF THESE CASES TO DICTATE A TICKLER CARD FOR THE SAC, SETTING OUT THE DATE ON WHICH THE CASE SHOULD BE REOPENED.

SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-145) 12/8/61

SA CLARK E. LOVRIEN

CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
MILWAUKEE DIVISION

ReBulet entitled "FRANK HOGAN; [redacted]; BUSTER BALESTRERE; ROBERT PICK;" ITWI (92-145-309).

Files have previously been opened as follows:

[redacted]	162-14
BUSTER BALESTRERE	92-166
ROBERT PICK	162-18

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There is no current file on FRANK HOGAN whose true name is FRANK SANSONE.

In accordance with Bureau instructions contained in referenced letter, the above cases should be closed and new ITWI (165) cases opened on each. In addition, a new ITWI (165) case should be opened on FRANK SANSONE, aka FRANK HOGAN. Copies of this memo will be used to close the old cases and open the new.

Copies to:

1 - 92-145
1 - 162-14
1 - 162-18
1 - 92-166
2 - 165- (new - [redacted])
2 - 165- (new - BUSTER BALESTRERE)
2 - 165- (new - ROBERT PICK)
2 - 165- (new - FRANK SANSONE)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 12/22/61

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

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[ ] PCI [ ] PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 12/18/61

Titles and File #s on which contacted

FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316 (HOLTZMAN)
BUSTER BALESTRERE	92-166 (HOLTZMAN)
[redacted]	92-187 (KNICKREHM)
JOHN ALIOTO	92-84 (LOVRIEN)
CIP	92-145 (LOVRIEN)

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Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[ ] Positive

Informant stated that FRANK BALISTRIERI is now the head of the Italian-American organization in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and does not have to contact his father-in-law, JOHN ALIOTO, on any decisions. He stated that for quite a while there have been rumors that FRANK LA GALBO and AUGIE MANIACI were trying to take over FRANK BALISTRIERI's spot as second man in charge of the Italian-American organization in Milwaukee. JOHN ALIOTO wanted to keep this power in his family and did not desire that BALISTRIERI's place be taken over by anyone else; hence, last week JOHN ALIOTO stepped down as titular head of the Italian-American organization in favor of FRANK BALISTRIERI in order to show that the "outfit" is behind FRANK. Informant

[ ] Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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stated that from what he understands BALISTRIERI can now make any decisions by himself but that it is possible that he may still consult JOHN ALIOTO out of "respect."

Informant advised that anyone who has any problems within the Italian-American outfit can contact FRANK BALISTRIERI between 1:30 PM and 4:30 PM at Gallagher's on any day of the week. He stated that he obtained the above information from extremely reliable source and that BUSTER BALESTRERE is now considered to be the second man in power in the Italian-American organization.

Informant said that he could very possibly [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI is [redacted] and is always trying to be [redacted]

The following information should be handled very confidentially; and in the event it is necessary to place it in any report, it should definitely be rephrased so as to protect Informant:

Informant stated that [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI and BUSTER were [redacted] on the [redacted] that if he [redacted] soon there was going to be trouble. b6 b7C b7D
Later the same day [redacted] telling him [redacted] around [redacted] to talk to [redacted]
Informant stated that when [redacted] or [redacted] and that shortly thereafter [redacted] and when [redacted] and then the latter [redacted] He advised that he then [redacted] what had happened, and [redacted] immediately and not to go [redacted] So, he got [redacted] through the [redacted]

He said that [redacted] and stated that [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI and tried to [redacted]

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[redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI and said that [redacted] FRANKIE [redacted] and he would take no [redacted] Informant stated that [redacted] and that FRANK BALISTRIERI was [redacted] He then [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE, [redacted] FRANKIE and was [redacted] which he is going [redacted] He stated that if [redacted] they would hold [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI. b6 b7C b7D

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 12/22/61

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FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 12/16/61

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JOHN CHARLES RIZZO	92-164 (HIGGINS)
BUSTER BALESTRERE	92-166 (HOLTZMAN)
FRANK PETER BALESTRIERI	94-316 (HOLTZMAN)
WILLIAM COVELLI, IGA-WS	162-49 (HIGGINS)
IGA-WS-IN	162-1 (THOMPSON)

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[ ] Positive

Informant stated that WILLIAM COVELLI, whose nickname is "WEISER," of Kenosha has maintained [redacted] in JOHNNY RIZZO [redacted] He said that RIZZO is older, not in too good health and that COVELLI [redacted] and is actually [redacted] RIZZO's when the latter is [redacted] He said that COVELLI [redacted] and that after [redacted] RIZZO [redacted] He also advised that COVELLI [redacted] and [redacted] and he recalled that in about 1949 COVELLI [redacted] which was located between [redacted] in the [redacted]. He

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[ ] Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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said that RIZZO [redacted] and the [redacted] in regards to the [redacted], informant explained as follows: He stated that [redacted] first and that up to a short time ago [redacted] The [redacted] are then [redacted] from [redacted] Whatever is left [redacted], He said that LOUIS GRECO [redacted]

The rest of [redacted] BILL COVELLI, JOHNNY RIZZO and FRANK BALISTRIERI. He stated that FRANK BALISTRIERI may [redacted] out of [redacted] but he does not believe it is [redacted]

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He said that BILL COVELLI is always [redacted] RIZZO [redacted], and RIZZO is quite [redacted] He said that BUSTER BALESTRERE has not [redacted] due to the [redacted] and the [redacted]

Informant said that [redacted] only one of [redacted] and these [redacted] ROHNNY RIZZO, BILL COVELLI and BUSTER BALESTRERE. He explained that [redacted] the [redacted] where he can [redacted] going and this [redacted] and sees to it that the [redacted]

Informant also advised that [redacted] is a member of the Italian-American outfit [redacted] and actually controls most of the Italian element there. [redacted] and has a [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 1/13/62

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

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[ ] PCI [ ] PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact: 12/30/61 and 1/6/62

Titles and File #s on which contacted

CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM	92-145 LOVREIN
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316 HOLTZMAN
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AR	92-164 HIGGINS
HOMESTEAD GAMBLING JOINT, Antioch, Ill	165-18
BUSTER BALESTRERE	165-15

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[ ] Positive

On 12/30/61, informant stated that JOHN CHARLES RIZZO and [redacted] on the [redacted] and that the Homestead Gambling Joint at Antioch, Ill., is also operating full force.

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On 1/6/62, informant advised that due to [redacted] on [redacted] which sets forth that [redacted] the [redacted] temporarily. Informant pointed out that the [redacted] in [redacted] and since he refused, the [redacted] Informant advised that this is liable [redacted] and might also extend to Milwaukee.

[ ] Security Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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On 12/30/61, informant called attention to an article in the "Milwaukee Journal" concerning officials in Milwaukee paying tribute to Dr. VITO GUARDALABENE, a doctor who served on a panel in the Milwaukee District Court to hold sanity examinations. Informant stated that this article set out the names of several judges in Milwaukee and also Sheriff GEORGE J. WITKOWSKI and Assistant District Attorney [redacted] The article also pointed out that the dinner was arranged by Attorney DOMINIC FRINZI, whom informant claims to be the lawyer for the Italian-American organization and hoodlums of the Milwaukee area. He had previously pointed out that Dr. GUARDALABENE is the organization's physician and has treated members of the hoodlum element for gunshot wounds suffered during illegal activities. Informant pointed out that the following individuals, who are known to be members or closely affiliated with the Italian-American element in Milwaukee, were in attendance:

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PHIL VALLEY, Business Manager of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union;

[redacted]

The article also listed as being present the following individuals, who are extremely close or members of the Italian-American organization, according to informant:

FRANK BALISTRIERI, the head of the organization at the present time;
PETER BALISTRIERI, the brother of FRANK;
LOUIS FAZIO, one of the operators of Fazio's on 5th Restaurant and on parole on a murder charge;
AUGUST MANIACI, one of the leaders of the Italian organization;
[redacted], who is very close to members of this organization;
JOHN ALIOTO, the titular head of the Italian-American organization and father-in-law of FRANK BALISTRIERI.

Informant noted that the article also set out that other doctors and businessmen were also in attendance at this tribute for GUARDALABENE. In informant's opinion, this

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testimonial dinner held on the night of 12/27/61 was also held for some other purpose, which he does not know at the present time.

On 1/6/62, informant advised that he had learned that all prominent members of the Italian-American organization in the State of Wisconsin were present at this testimonial dinner as well as two leaders of "the outfit" from Kansas City, two from New York City and one or two from the West. He stated that from what he learned from conversation with some of the top Milwaukee men a meeting was held of these particular individuals after the testimonial dinner concerning the operations and problems of the Italian-American organization. Informant advised that [redacted] the names of the two individuals from Kansas City, and he recognized them as two of the top men in that area but cannot now recall their names.

On 1/6/62, informant was questioned as to the background of [redacted] who was an [redacted] and who resides at [redacted] is one of the [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI. Informant stated that [redacted] who is better known as [redacted] and is [redacted] who recently [redacted] Informant also advised that FRANK BALISTRIERI and [redacted] and that [redacted] was probably named [redacted] acting as a [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI. b6 b7C b7D

Informant was also questioned as to background of STEPHEN DI MAGGIO, who was listed as an officer in the Club 26 in Milwaukee in 1953. Informant stated that STEPHEN DI MAGGIO is an elderly man and affiliated with the Italian-American outfit in Milwaukee. In being named officer in this Club, which is actually a tavern, informant believed that he was probably "fronting" for someone else. Informant also advised that STEPHEN DI MAGGIO [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE and FRANK BALISTRIERI and that if an [redacted] a [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted] he sends STEPHEN DI MAGGIO [redacted] and this is usually done through BUSTER BALESTRERE as FRANK [redacted] to BUSTER, who in turn [redacted] particular individual [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	1/25/62	10/23/61 - 1/23/62

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka	SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN	bs
	CHARACTER OF CASE	
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REFERENCES

Bureau letter 11/22/61 entitled "FRANK HOGAN, ETAL, ITWI";
Report SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN, Milwaukee, 10/25/61 entitled "BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, AR."

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LEADS

THE MILWAUKEE DIVISION:

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN:

1. Will at Telephone Company obtain toll calls from Subject's telephone number BRoadway 5-6593. Set out leads to identify subscribers.

2. Through informant and coverage obtained in the investigation of FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, continue

APPROVED SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

COPIES MADE:

3 Bureau (AM)
1 Kansas City (Info)
2 Milwaukee (165-15)

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DISSEMINATION RECORD OF ATTACHED REPORT

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to keep track of the Subject's activities.

3. Through surveillance, endeavor to determine whether subject actively engaged in gambling activities within the purview of ITWI.

ADMINISTRATIVE

An information copy of this report is sent to Kansas City because of their interest in BUSTER BALESTRERE and the possibility that he might return there and also because of their interest in [redacted] and JOHN MOLLE.

Although various spot surveillances have been conducted relative to BUSTER BALESTRERE, no information pertinent to instant case has been obtained. All necessary background information has been obtained and reported in the case bearing the same title as instant character, Anti-Racketeering, Bufile 92-5130, and is not being repeated in this case.

Through informant and as a result of investigation in the case entitled "FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR," an effort is being made to keep abreast of Subject's activities; but since all information included herein is based on informant reports, therefore included in the Administrative Section, no copy of this report is designated for the USA. It is contemplated that physical surveillances will be instituted on the Subject in the immediate future in an effort to provide the basis for determining whether Subject is in violation of ITWI.

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The following intelligence-type information has been obtained:

[redacted] provided information to SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY as follows on the dates indicated:

On 10/17/61, informant said that on the [redacted] Subject in company with FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI and an individual who was from Kansas City, according to [redacted] informant [redacted] The man from Kansas City was not an Italian, was described as a big blond man around 40 years of age, well dressed, good looking but who [redacted] or else was [redacted] and generally [redacted]

Informant said that Subject and STEVE DI SALVO were believed to be still [redacted] but rather he felt that they [redacted] from [redacted] and were [redacted] from time to time at [redacted] but otherwise were not [redacted]

For the next couple of [redacted] informant said that he had not [redacted] Subject or STEVE DI SALVO around town and wondered [redacted] He said that he had not found out [redacted] but that on [redacted] He said [redacted] which had been [redacted] by an individual known to him only [redacted] at [redacted]

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This informant said that RIZZO was still [redacted] without any [redacted] about the [redacted]. These [redacted] on [redacted]. Informant was of the opinion that Subject might be a friend of [redacted] (NA) since he said he [redacted] Subject and [redacted] on an apparently [redacted] while both were [redacted] Informant said that BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DI SALVO were not going to the [redacted] because of [redacted]

On 10/25/61, informant said that Subject, along with FRANK BALISTRIERI and STEVE DI SALVO, were now [redacted] which is [redacted] of the [redacted] Informant also said that he had learned that [redacted] are using this as a [redacted] On the same date informant said that he had heard that a [redacted] was to be in [redacted] in the near future to [redacted] in this area, informant thought for the purpose of [redacted] and informant guessed that this individual would probably contact the Subject and STEVE DI SALVO first.

On 11/4/61, informant said that BUSTER BALESTRERE had purchased a new 1962 Chevrolet, white over blue, Impala, Wisconsin license

E 21-157. He also [redacted] according to informant, was formerly [redacted] JIMMY BALESTRERE, Subject's brother, who had [redacted] earlier and had [redacted]

The State Bureau Motor Vehicle Department records disclosed this license issued for a 1951 Chevrolet coupe registered to JIMMY BALESTRERE at Subject's address, 1634 No. Jackson Street. This car had been observed at this address as recently as 1/23/62, but it obviously had not been used in some time as it was covered with snow.

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On 11/22/61, informant said that he had seen Subject along with STEVE DI SALVO, PETER BALISTRIERI, FRANK FAZIO, JOE ALIOTO and [redacted] Informant said that these individuals apparently [redacted] of some sort on this occasion, which was [redacted] and that he believes [redacted] is known as [redacted] Subject.

Informant said that another [redacted] located at [redacted] and that the [redacted] He has noticed Subject, STEVE DI SALVO, [redacted] JOE GAGLIANO and FRANK HOGAN.

It was determined from investigation of FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI that he and [redacted] had been to Kansas City, and in determining the reason for the visit there, the Kansas City Office furnished the following information:

An elaborate wedding reception was held at the Parkeast Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, on 10/21/61, following the wedding of the daughter of one [redacted] and the son of [redacted] of the Subject. At the time of this wedding informants of this Office were unable to state whether or not Subject attended this wedding or was in Kansas City.

On 10/30/61, [redacted] advised that BUSTER BALESTRERE was definitely in Kansas City at the time of above wedding and had remained in Kansas City subsequent to that date. He had been seen on several occasions with [redacted] a prominent Kansas City hoodlum, who is known to be a close personal friend of JOE GURERA, the brother-in-law of Subject. CI was unable to furnish the local address of Subject but

expressed the opinion that he would [redacted] in the Italian section of Kansas City, Missouri. CI, in discussing the background of Subject, advised that when in Kansas City, BUSTER BALESTRERE was known in the Italian underworld as "LITTLE JOE" which is an old Mafia term meaning "killer." Also that he had this reputation as far back as the days of CHARLES BINAGGIO, during which time one LOUIS CANGELOSE, a prominent Kansas City hoodlum figure, was first considered a "LITTLE JOE" for the Kansas City Italian criminal element. It is further the opinion of the Italian underworld that BUSTER BALESTRERE was one of those involved in the Kansas City gangland killing of CHARLES BINAGGIO in April, 1950.

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On 11/21/61, CI reported that information had been received [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE's that BALESTRERE has or [redacted] and [redacted] CI was unable to determine whether or not BUSTER BALESTRERE was in Kansas City at the present time and it is not known if he intends to live in Kansas City and [redacted]

On 12/4/61, [redacted] advised SA GASSAWAY that while he did not know that BUSTER had gone to Kansas City to attend the wedding reception of the daughter [redacted] and the son of [redacted] he did know that BUSTER had not been around Milwaukee during the latter part of October, 1961. Informant said that he did not know anything about BUSTER attempting to [redacted] in Kansas City but that since June, 1961, BUSTER has talked about returning to Kansas City to live but that FRANK BALISTRIERI needs him in Milwaukee and does not want him to go back. Informant said that BUSTER had quite a bit of money and could very easily [redacted] and it is possible that he might [redacted] and have JIMMY BALESTRERE, his brother, [redacted]

[redacted] advised SA GASSAWAY on 12/14/61 that about a week ago [redacted] which he [redacted]. From what informant could learn, [redacted] were involved, and he said there is a feeling around that either [redacted] the Subject and STEVE DI SALVO or else fingered

by them. The same type of information was obtained on 12/14/61 by SA GASSAWAY from [redacted] who also said with regard to Subject that he seems to [redacted] and that [redacted] in Milwaukee.

On 12/18/61, [redacted] advised that FRANK BALISTRIERI had now taken over as head of the group in Milwaukee from his father-in-law, JOHN ALIOTO, and that he settles group problems at Gallagher's Restaurant, which he operates, between 1:30 and 4:30 PM and that Subject is now number 2 man in Milwaukee.

With regard to [redacted] which allegedly [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI and is [redacted] by Subject and STEVE DI SALVO, [redacted] advised on 12/15/61 that he had obtained the following information about this [redacted] JOHNNY RIZZO, who is not in too good health; and WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI of Kenosha also has an interest. COVELLI is always in attendance, and either he, RIZZO or BUSTER BALESTRERE are the only individuals who are [redacted] Informant pointed out that BUSTER has [redacted] recently because [redacted]

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On 12/28/61, a "testimonial dinner" was held for Dr. VITO GUARDALABENE. Various informants have reported that although honoring Dr. GUARDALABENE was the ostensible purpose of the meeting, the actual purpose of the meeting was to formally install FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI as the new head of the organization in Milwaukee to replace JOHN ALIOTO, who was in attendance at the meeting. Subject was also there.

[redacted] advised on 1/22/62 that he was in attendance at this dinner and that the word was passed around among the hoodlums in attendance that FRANK BALISTRIERI was now top man to replace JOHN ALIOTO. Informant said that two individuals from Kansas City were also in attendance whose names he did not know but who were connected with FRANK BALISTRIERI and the Subject.

PCI [redacted] on 1/23/62 advised that she, too, saw two individuals from Kansas City who were in attendance and who she understood were related to BALISTRIERI. She said that while she did not know their names, she [redacted] and noted the initials on [redacted] and on the other [redacted] As indicated above, JOHN MOLLE is the brother-in-law of BUSTER BALESTRERE, and [redacted] was probably the other individual in attendance.

PCI also said that [redacted] and is associated with FRANK BALISTRIERI, extent not known to informant, [redacted] the following:

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BUSTER BALESTRERE is FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted] and is [redacted] did not detail how the [redacted], BUSTER BALESTRERE has a [redacted] that would [redacted] and is responsible for [redacted]

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DIRECTOR, FBI 1/26/62

SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-145)

FRANK HOGAN;
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BUSTER BALESTRERE;
ROBERT PICK;
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Rebulet to Milwaukee 1/17/62, captioned as above, which requested complete title and character of this case as well as titles of other cases pending against the same individuals.

There is, in fact, no case entitled as above in the Milwaukee office, and it appears that the title originated in Bulet to Milwaukee dated November 22, 1961. That letter directed that Milwaukee "open investigations on these individuals under ITWI", inasmuch as they were regarded by [redacted] as top echelon bookies from whom other bookies obtained the daily "line".

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Milwaukee opened the following ITWI cases pursuant to Bureau instructions:

FRANK SANSONE, aka Frank Hogan, Big Foot Hogan, ITWI, MI file 165-13.

ROBERT PICK, ITWI, MI file 165-12

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka, ITWI, MI file 165-15

[redacted] ITWI, MI file 165-11

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These cases are all still pending.

At the time the ITWI cases on the aforementioned subjects were opened, the following pending intelligence-type cases on the same subjects were closed:

ROBERT PICK, IGA - Wire Service, MI file 162-18

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[redacted] IGA-Wire Service, MI file 162-14 b6 b7C

BUSTIANO VITO BALESTRERE, aka, AR, MI file 92-166

There was no previous pending case on FRANK SANSONE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 1/29/62

FROM : SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact

Titles and File #s on which contacted

FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI	94-316 (HOLTZMAN)
BUSTER BALESTRERE	165-15 (HOLTZMAN)
STEVE DI SALVO	92-166
PHIL VALLEY	94-317 (HOLTZMAN)
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO	92-164 (HIGGINS)
CIP	92-145 (LOVRIEN)

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[X] Positive

Informant attended the testimonial dinner held at Gallagher's 12/28/61 for Dr. VITO GUARDALABENE. Informant said that although this was the ostensible reasonfor the meeting, the actual purpose for it was to establish the fact that FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI had now taken over from JOHN ALIOTO. Informant said that Dr. GUARDALABENE and others of the prominent persons who were "used" by BALISTRIERI were very surprised and that Dr. GUARDALABENE was "sick" when he saw the true nature of the meeting and the persons in attendance consisting of not his friends but BALISTRIERI's hoodlum and gambling associates.

Informant said that in addition to the people mentioned in the newspaper as being present, the following listed persons were also there:

JOHN RIZZO and another unknown person, known as a Kenosha gambler

[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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FRANK LA GALBO, operator of Chico's Pizza House

SAM FERRARI, an old former boss of the hoodlum element and several other old-timers

BUSTER BALESTRERE

STEVE DI SALVO

AUGIE MANIACI (but no other MANIACIs were present)

[redacted] IZZY POGROB (which surprised informant)

Two unknown individuals from Kansas City b6 b7C b7D

Informant said that it was whispered among the Italians present as to what the true purpose of the meeting was, namely that BALISTRIERI was taking over from ALIOTO and informant said that BALISTRIERI now is solidly entrenched as the top man in Milwaukee.

With regard to BALISTRIERI's activities in [redacted] informant said that he is [redacted] who is [redacted] BALISTRIERI and [redacted] said that he has [redacted] He also said that [redacted] (he [redacted] there) has [redacted] and that [redacted] has been to see this individual. Informant said that WALTER BROCCA has recently been [redacted]

Informant said that [redacted] that he could really make [redacted] if it was [redacted] because they have [redacted] but that [redacted] and they will not handle their [redacted] Informant said he [redacted] that he should [redacted] to let him have [redacted] and his reply was that [redacted] that he got his [redacted] kept him informed on what was going on, with the result that [redacted] that [redacted]

Informant described BALISTRIERI as a "jerk" stating that every business venture he touches goes sour and it is informant's belief

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that Kenosha gambling income is the only thing that keeps him solvent, plus his connection with Milwaukee PHIL ALDERISIO, who, according to informant left Milwaukee because he could not operate, being unable to buy the police chief and the district attorney.

It was informant's belief that Milwaukee hoodlum operations are at a new low ebb, based on the fact that BALISTRIERI is so busy with his own tax problems that he does not have time for other operations and now the "general climate" in Milwaukee is such that effective hoodlum operations cannot be run.

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Informant said that BALISTRIERI may have [redacted] as he has used his [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI as [redacted] on other occasions. Informant said that [redacted] who had been recently [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 2/2/62

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

[X] CI [ ] SI

[ ] PCI [ ] PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Dates of Contact 1/25 and 28/62

Titles and File #s on which contacted

CIP	92-145	LOVRIEN
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, ar	94-316	HOLTZMAN
STEVE DI SALVO	92-165	HOLTZMAN
BUSTER BALESTRERE	165-15	HOLTZMAN
JOHN RIZZO	92-164	HIGGINS

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[ ] Positive

On 1/25/62, informant advised that FRANK BALISTRIERI was [redacted] concerning the [redacted] and that he was [redacted] to try to get the [redacted] but was at [redacted] to figure how he could go about it. Informant said that he noted [redacted] a couple of days ago BALISTRIERI [redacted] in Milwaukee, which was evidently the [redacted] PETER BALISTRIERI, his brother. Informant stated that he cannot understand how PETER would have had [redacted] BALISTRIERI [redacted] Informant

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[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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Informant advised that on [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted] which FRANKIE [redacted] with the latter's [redacted] for a long period of time, and they were in [redacted] evidently concerning [redacted] that had been going on in which [redacted] BALISTRIERI [redacted] prior [redacted] Informant noted that BALISTRIERI [redacted] that he was very [redacted] and that [redacted] his brother, PETER BALISTRIERI. Informant said that FRANK BALISTRIERI is [redacted] practically all [redacted] and that a [redacted] on FRANK at [redacted]

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On the same date, informant advised that he noted that on the weekend of 1/20/62 some members of the Milwaukee outfit, including FRANK BALISTRIERI, BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DI SALVO, were in contact with some strangers whom he was told were members of the Cleveland Italian American organization, and he believes that something big must be going on between the Cleveland and Milwaukee outfits, but he has not as yet learned the nature of it.

On 1/28/62, informant advised that FRANK BALISTRIERI if [redacted] may very possible try to [redacted] Informant said that Subject has a cousin by the same name of FRANK BALISTRIERI who has [redacted] which Subject actually [redacted] He believes that Subject may very possibly [redacted] and not Subject's.

Informant also stated in regards to the Dr. VITO GUARDALABENE Testimonial Dinner that the tickets sold for $25 a piece for the dinner at Gallagher's. However, the expenses were definitely not that much, and the profits were put into a slush fund by the Italian-American organization for future use. Informant stated that every big man in the Italian-American organization in Wisconsin was at the meeting and that there was also one representative from Chicago, two from Kansas City and one from Detroit.

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Informant also advised on 1/28/62 that ROCCO FISCHETTI was [redacted] and that FISCHETTI is a well known Chicago hoodlum who is believed to have a great deal of power in the Italian-American organization in that city. He stated that FISCHETTI [redacted] and then left there [redacted] very possibly FRANK BALISTRIERI being one of them.

On 1/27/62, informant was contacted and requested to ascertain if there was any possibility of any big meeting of top hoodlums from around the U.S. being held in the Milwaukee or Chicago area in the next few days. On 1/28/62, informant stated that [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI and [redacted] He stated that he was [redacted] leaders of the Italian-American organization in Milwaukee [redacted] and that none of them indicated they were going out of town for any meeting or were planning to attend any big meeting in the Milwaukee area. Informant stated in his opinion FRANK BALISTRIERI would be the logical individual to attend such a meeting and that he would keep close watch on FRANK to make certain of his whereabouts. b6 b7C b7D

In regards to any such meeting of top hoodlums, informant stated he was quite certain they would not come into the city of Milwaukee itself but would rather meet somewhere in the suburbs. He guessed that they might use the [redacted] outskirts of Milwaukee or possibly [redacted] Wisconsin, inasmuch as this is kind of an isolated place and [redacted] is a known top hoodlum of the Chicago area. He said that he did not believe the outfit would meet at [redacted] as they know [redacted]

On 1/25/62, informant also advised that JOHNNY RIZZO is still [redacted] and that [redacted] is planning to [redacted] He also stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] and [redacted] there. b6 b7C b7D

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 1/29/62

FROM : SA JOHN R. CARSCHAY

[X] CI [ ] SI

[ ] PCI [ ] PSI b7D

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact: 1/12, 17 and 19/62

Titles and File #s on which contacted

CIP	92-145 LOURIEN
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316 HOLTZMAN
STEVE DI SALVO, AR	92-165 HOLTZMAN
BUSTER BALESTRERE, AR	165-15 HOLTZMAN

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[ ] Positive

On 1/12/62, informant advised that BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DI SALVO have [redacted] for the time being upon advice of [redacted] because there is no moon [redacted]. b6 b7C b7D

On 1/17/62, informant advised that he believes that BUSTER BALESTRERE may very possibly [redacted] an man [redacted] is still [redacted]

Informant also advised that there has been much talk going around among the Italian-American element in Milwaukee in

[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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regards to the "Dr. GUARDALABENE Testimonial Dinner." Informant stated that he understands that some very important matters were taken up at the meeting held after the dinner and that the organization adopted some new policies in an effort to cope with investigations being conducted by Federal authorities. He further advised that he understood that several men, who are members of the Italian-American organization, were absent from the meeting and were reprimanded for not being there. Informant believes from what he has heard that at this meeting FRANK BALISTRIERI was definitely agreed on by all members as the head of the organization in Milwaukee, and they accepted the retirement of JOHN ALIOTO. It is to be noted that informant had previously advised that JOHN ALIOTO had stepped down in favor of his son-in-law, FRANK BALISTRIERI, in order to stop attempts by members of the organization to take over in place of ALIOTO.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 2/1/62

FROM : SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN

[ ] CI [ ] SI

[X] PCI [ ] PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]
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Dates of Contact 1/23/62

Titles and File #s on which contacted

FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI	94-316 (HOLTZMAN)
[redacted]	[redacted] (HOLTZMAN)
BUSTER BALESTRERE	165-15

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[X] Positive

[redacted] said that she is now residing at [redacted] and expects to have a telephone installed within the [redacted] and will advise of the telephone number. She said that she [redacted] without any reason being given [redacted] and that almost immediately after this [redacted] at the present time [redacted] is located at [redacted] and also in the same premises [redacted] with regard to which she furnished the following information:

[redacted] but he devotes his time primarily [redacted] is mostly [redacted] Also connected with [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI whom she knows as [redacted] and she said that he has some [redacted] apparently and spends a little time [redacted]

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[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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She said that [redacted] which from her description appears to [redacted] or possibly a [redacted] She said that he [redacted] occasionally when [redacted] from whom he anticipates [redacted] but she has never known him [redacted] anybody [redacted]

She said that she has been [redacted] several times since being [redacted] and she previously knew [redacted] BALISTRIERI's but does not know of any [redacted] than that between FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted] On one such [redacted] and another individual who was [redacted] about some other individuals who also were [redacted] having gone [redacted] and having an [redacted] which resulted [redacted] to the occupants [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

She said that also on such occasions when he gets [redacted] FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI and [redacted] BALISTRIERI when he [redacted] He did not mention the name.

[redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE is FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI's [redacted] did not know any of the details of how [redacted] BUSTER had a [redacted] and that he was [redacted]

With regard to [redacted] --it was pointed out to her that while she [redacted] where she was, she would be [redacted] and that, dependent upon her own personal feeling about the matter, she should think about [redacted] if such opportunity presented itself. She said that she did not know why [redacted] and the likelihood that she [redacted] pointed out to her; whereupon, she said that [redacted] because PETER BALISTRIERI is the [redacted]

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[redacted]. She then went on to elaborate that PETER [redacted] and said he had [redacted] and then [redacted], where the [redacted] PETER then [redacted] She said she still did not know who the man was.

With further regard to GUARDALABENE's testimonial, she said that there were two Italians there from Kansas City who were relatives of FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI but whose names she did not know. She did, however, [redacted] and noted the initials [redacted] and initials she believes were [redacted] (It is likely that the individuals in attendance were [redacted] and JOHN MOLLE) b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] seems genuinely interested in obtaining such information as she can and she was cautioned in detail not to discuss her relationship with the Bureau with anyone and to furnish information only to us. She was asked if she needed any money at the time and said that she did not inasmuch as she had [redacted] which she exhibited. It was in the [redacted] which represented her [redacted] based on an [redacted]

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Date: 2-13-62

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

To: SAC, Milwaukee (165-15)

From: Director, FBI (92-5130)

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
AR

Reur FD-263 dated 1-25-62, at Milwaukee.

No reports accompanied Bureau copies of re FD-263. Submit by 2-19-62.

Advise why character designated AR whereas classification Milwaukee Office is 165.

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5130)

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (165-15) - P

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
Buster Balestrere
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Rebuairtel 2/13/62, questioning report of SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN at Milwaukee dated 1/25/62, bearing the erroneous character "AR."

The Bureau and Kansas City are requested to change the character on their copies of referenced report to "ITWI."

As pointed out in Paragraph 2, and 3, page B, of FD-263 of referenced report, no copy of this report was designated for the USA and all information reported was included in the Administrative section because of its source. Therefore, no FD-204 was included.

For the information of Kansas City, [redacted] advised on 2/14/62 that an individual from Kansas City, by the phonetic name of "GUARA" [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE. Surveillance on that day indicated that this is JOE GUERRA and that these two individuals, along with FRANK BALISTRIERI and STEVE DI SALVO [redacted] On that date, BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted] which is believed [redacted] possibly to GUERRA's [redacted]

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On 2/15/62, PCI [redacted] advised that there were three individuals from Kansas City with FRANK BALISTRIERI, STEVE DI SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted] did not know the identity of any of the

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individuals from Kansas City but is endeavoring to determine their identity.

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THE MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

After a reasonable period of time from 2/14/63, check with your confidential sources [redacted] and obtain, if possible, information relative to [redacted] from BUSTER BALESTRERE, [redacted] to some individual, possibly GUERRA [redacted]

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In the event [redacted] in such a manner as to make it possible, determine information relative to other [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE, who is well known to the [redacted] apparently as [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 2/16/62

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

[X] CI [ ] SI [ ] PCI [ ] PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 2/8, 12, 13 and 14,62 and 2/16/62

Titles and File #s on which contacted

FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, ar	94-316	HOLTZMAN
CIP	92-145	LOVRIEN
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO	92-164	HIGGINS
STEVE DI SALVO	92-165	HOLTZMAN
BUSTER BALESTRERE 165-15	~~92-166~~	HOLTZMAN
WILLIAM C. COVELLI, IGA-WS	162-49	HIGGINS
ROBERT PICK	165-12	THOMPSON
IGA-WS-Lts	162-1	THOMPSON

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[ ] Positive

On 2/8/62, informant advised that on that night there was to be a meeting of some of the Milwaukee top hoodlums and possibly a few from out of town, but he was not certain where the meeting would be held or who was planning to attend it. He said that he understands that it concerns gambling in Milwaukee as well as FRANK BALISTRIERI's tax problem.

Informant also said that he had learned that JOHN ALIOTO, a former leader of the Italian-American element in Milwaukee, was supposed to have attended the Apalachin meeting several years ago, but he was unable to do so because of a sudden illness. He sent a representative from Milwaukee, name unknown, but the latter did not attend

[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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the meeting when he observed police cars checking the cars of individuals attending it. He stated that FRANK BALISTRIERI may have very possibly been the representative, but he has no proof of this and that the latter has said that he was very happy that JOHN ALIOTO or his representative did not attend the meeting as it eliminated the Milwaukee outfit from scrutiny at that time.

On 2/14/62, informant also advised that the leaders of the Italian-American hoodlum element in Milwaukee and other places for that matter have contacts and friends placed high in public life and also in local businesses. As an example, he cited that FRANK BALISTRIERI and other top hoodlums have a contact with an officer of the Telephone Company in Milwaukee, and through him they can have their phone numbers changed within a matter of a few hours and can learn when their toll calls are being checked by any local or Federal law enforcement agency.

Informant stated on 2/8/62 that from conversations he has overheard lately, the Milwaukee Italian-American outfit is definitely controlled by the leaders in Kansas City, and any deals involving the Chicago outfit have to be cleared through Kansas City. Chicago's go-between is "Milwaukee Phil" ALDERISIO of Chicago who has been told by BALISTRIERI to stay out of town until further notice because BALISTRIERI is afraid that "Milwaukee Phil" has been seen in Milwaukee too often by Federal officers. He also said that in connection with Chicago, TONY ACCARDO is often referred to as "J B."

Informant stated that the following is entirely a rumor among the top hoodlums, and he has no specific proof concerning it but is merely passing it on as a rumor. He said that the top hoodlums claim that ex-President HARRY TRUMAN is controlled by the Kansas City outfit and that he has called on Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY quite a few times in an effort to have the latter call off the Federal drive on gamblers and hoodlums. He stated that the top hoodlums want KENNEDY removed from his post as Attorney General and have him made a good will

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ambassador instead. Informant stated that these hoodlums feel that great political pressure will be put on President JOHN KENNEDY to place his brother in another position.

Informant further advised that PETER BALISTRIERI still feels that he and his brother FRANK [redacted] as he does not think [redacted]

Informant further advised that on [redacted] WILLIAM CAVELLI [redacted] JOHN RIZZO, [redacted] STEVE DI SALVO, which [redacted], which was evidently [redacted] RIZZO's and in which BUSTER BALESTRERE, STEVE DI SALVO and FRANK BALISTRIERI are supposed to have an [redacted]

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On 2/12/62, informant was contacted in regards to FRANK BALISTRIERI or other top leaders of the Milwaukee Italian-American hoodlum element possibly attending a meeting of top hoodlums in the Miami, Florida, area the prior week or on that weekend. Informant stated that as far as he knows FRANK BALISTRIERI and the other Milwaukee top hoodlums were all in Milwaukee during the past week, and he knows BALISTRIERI was in town over the weekend [redacted] STEVE DI SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE were [redacted]

On 2/13/62, informant telephonically advised that he had learned that BUSTER BALESTRERE, STEVE DI SALVO, JOE GUERERA and possibly FRANK BALISTRIERI were going to attend an important meeting somewhere during the daytime on 2/14/62. He stated that they could not be going very far as BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted]

On 2/14/62, informant advised that JOE GUERERA, whom he [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE, STEVE DI SALVO and possibly FRANK BALISTRIERI, is a long-time friend of BUSTER BALESTRERE and possibly a relative who comes from Kansas City, Missouri.

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He said that GUERERA is [redacted] BUSTER's [redacted] and from what he can learn GUERERA is now on the Milwaukee outfit's payroll.

Informant further advised that he had learned that ROBERT PICK and an individual known as [redacted] are in Florida, possibly Miami, and [redacted] is with them. He said that [redacted] is the individual who [redacted], which was [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DI SALVO and which [redacted] Informant said that [redacted] and BOB PICK [redacted] It is believed that the [redacted] referred to by informant [redacted], whose whereabouts have been unknown for several weeks. b6 b7C b7D

Informant also advised that from what he can gather in talking to the top hoodlums and gamblers, someone close to USA JAMES B. BRENNAN is obtaining information from him concerning his plans for a Federal Grand Jury investigation [redacted] b3

On 2/16/62, around [redacted], informant telephonically advised that FRANK BALISTRIERI, BUSTER BALESTRERE, STEVE DI SALVO and GUERERA had [redacted] DI SALVO [redacted] supposedly to [redacted] in Milwaukee. Informant said that he did not know their identity or where they were from and that they were probably [redacted]. He was then asked if he knew the identity of the three Kansas City hoodlums who were supposed to have been in Milwaukee the night of February 14, 1962, with the above subjects and where they might have stayed in Milwaukee. He said that he was not aware of the identity of these individuals and that they must have stayed in a motel on the outskirts of Milwaukee as that is their policy.

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Date: 3/1/62

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: SAC, MILWAUKEE (165-15)

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (92-227)(RUC)

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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[redacted], [redacted] (protect identity), on [redacted] advised SA JOHN L. ROBERTS their records reflect an [redacted] JOE GURERA, [redacted] R. BALESTRERE, [redacted]

[redacted] He made available a photostat copy of [redacted] which is being forwarded herewith for your possible assistance.

The original documents will [redacted] but will be available for prosecution purposes only upon issuance of a subpoena duces tecum which should be directed to [redacted] in the city where prosecution is had.

Inasmuch [redacted] it would be an extremely difficult task [redacted] to [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE and would require considerable clerical time expended for such a search; the costs of which would have to be born by the FBI.

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In view of this, no effort is being made by this office to attempt to locate [redacted] BALESTRERE, however, if specific information can be obtained relative to [redacted] inquiry would be made at [redacted] to locate same. b7D

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FBI

Date: 3/7/62

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: SAC, MILWAUKEE (165-15)

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (92-227)

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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Re Minneapolis airtel to Milwaukee 3/1/62.

On [redacted] (protect identity), advised they were able to locate [redacted] dated [redacted] JOE GURERA, [redacted]

A photostat [redacted] was obtained and is being forwarded herewith as en enclosure.

The original documents [redacted]., but will be available for prosecution purposes only upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum which should be directed to [redacted] in the city where prosecution is had.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 3/13/62

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

[X] CI [ ] SI b7D

[ ] PCI [ ] PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 2/23, 27/62, 3/4, 5/62

Titles and File #s on which contacted

FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316	HOLTZMAN
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AR	92-164	HIGGINS
STEVE DI SALVO, AR	92-165	HOLTZMAN
BUSTER BALESTRERE, ITWI	165-15	HOLTZMAN
CIP	92-145	LOVRIEN
IGA	162-1	THOMPSON

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[ ] Positive

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On 2/23/62, informant furnished a [redacted] where JOHN RIZZO [redacted]. A surveillance conducted at this place by Bureau agents had reflected that [redacted] on the [redacted] No lights were observed in the apartments [redacted], and it could not be ascertained just where the [redacted]. Informant through [redacted]

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[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Personal Data

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Coverage

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He also pointed out that there [redacted] which opened on the same [redacted]. Informant said that no lights would be observed [redacted] but that he is absolutely certain [redacted], which was the [redacted] the surveillance was conducted. Informant also advised that they have [redacted] used in the [redacted] only. He stated that this was for the purpose of being able [redacted] Informant also stated that RIZZO has [redacted] He named [redacted] as some more [redacted] RIZZO from [redacted]

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The above informant also advised on 2/23/62 that FRANK BALISTRIERI is not now meeting hoodlums at Gallagher's but evidently has a new meeting place, the location of which he does not as yet know. He stated that he has noted that BALISTRIERI, STEVE DI SALVO, BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOE GUERRERO [redacted] and that they are very [redacted], and he always feels that when this happens they must be [redacted]

On the same date, informant advised that he has not been able to determine the identity of FRANK BALISTRIERI's [redacted], but he understands that [redacted]

On 2/27/62, informant stated that FRANK BALISTRIERI has [redacted], but he has heard nothing about his [redacted] so that there is a possibility he may [redacted] He also stated that STEVE DI SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE are thinking seriously about [redacted]

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before the Federal Grand Jury investigating gambling. Informant said that he cannot understand why such publicity was given to the issuance of subpoenaes as they just serve to put the gamblers on notice and that many of them, even if they don't leave town, will probably stay away from home and arrange to be notified if anyone tries to locate them to serve subpoenaes.

Informant also advised that [redacted] for hoodlums of the Milwaukee Italian-American element, [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI but does not appear [redacted] as this would be too obvious.

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On 3/4/62, informant telephonically advised around [redacted] that [redacted] of the top hoodlums and gamblers in the Milwaukee area that had a lot to do with the present subpoenaing of witnesses for the Federal Grand Jury investigating gambling in Milwaukee and that from what he understood the leaders of the Italian-American organization were getting together to try to map out some plan of action to combat this. He stated as far as he knew all of the top hoodlums and gamblers would be there, that he did not know [redacted] inasmuch as he was [redacted] whose name he did not care to give over the phone, and [redacted] had not been mentioned to him.

On 3/5/62, informant again telephonically advised that he [redacted] inasmuch as [redacted] AUGIE MANIACI, BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DI SALVO. He said that [redacted] as he had previously described and that another [redacted] and was still going on [redacted] He stated that the [redacted] during the [redacted] and that he would advise as to what took place as soon as possible. It is to be noted in connection with the above that information was obtained from a confidential source on [redacted] that FRANK BALISTRIERI was planning [redacted]

FD-302 (Rev. 1-25-60)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date March 19, 1962

[redacted] said he resides at [redacted], and is employed [redacted]. He was born on [redacted] and has [redacted]

He was [redacted] in connection with the [redacted] being conducted by [redacted] JOHN C. RIZZO, and the date of [redacted]. He discussed with [redacted] the fact that he was [redacted] and the [redacted] mentioned it to JOE GAGLIANO. The [redacted], who was also [redacted] [redacted] was seeking advice from GAGLIANO as to whether he [redacted] According to the [redacted] GAGLIANO [redacted] "You do what you want, that's up to you". GAGLIANO [redacted] but while the latter was in Maniaci's [redacted], located at [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE came to where [redacted] and talked to him on his [redacted]

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BALESTRERE did [redacted] in any way, but [redacted] if he was [redacted] and when advised that he was, BALESTRERE [redacted] which he had a right to do, or tell him that he was merely a [redacted] and had been at [redacted] simply in [redacted]

[redacted] explained that the place referred to was [redacted] JOHN RIZZO an another individual he knows is FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, although, he cannot furnish any information to substantiate this knowledge. He said that BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted] FRANK at [redacted]

On 3/15/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # 165-15

by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN/sbt Date dictated 3/19/62

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	3/19/62	1/16 - 3/15/62

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka	SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN	sbt

CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCE

Report of SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN, dated 1/25/62.

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LEADS

MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

1. Upon receipt of information from telephone company, determine identity of subscribers to telephone numbers called from subject's phone and their connection with subject and his illicit activities.

2. Through informant and other coverage obtained in investigation of FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, continue to keep track of the subject's activities.

3. Through spot checks and surveillance, continue to determine subject's gambling and other illicit activities.

APPROVED SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The following information has been obtained from Milwaukee informants and, therefore, cannot be set out in the details of this report.

With reference to the testimonial dinner held December 28, 1961, for Dr. VITO GUARDALABENE and the report in referenced report, further confirmation was received by SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY from [redacted] on January 16, 1962, when he advised that this testimonial was a "cover up" for a meeting of leading Italian-American groups in the Wisconsin area. Informant said that a short time before this meeting, 20 to 25 leaders of the Italian-American Organization from various sections of the United States were in Milwaukee and held a meeting at Gallagher's and while he did not know their identities, he understood that there were representatives from Kansas City, Chicago, and elsewhere. Informant said that subject along with STEVE DE SALVO and FRANK BALISTRIERI, were present at both meetings.

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On January 25, 1962, [redacted] advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that on the weekend of January 20, 1962, subject along with DE SALVO and FRANK BALISTRIERI were in contact with [redacted] members of the organization of Cleveland. Informant did not have any additional information as to the purpose for which these Cleveland individuals were in Milwaukee.

On February 13, 1962, this informant advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that he had learned that the subject, along with STEVE DE SALVO, JOE GURERA, and possibly FRANK BALISTRIERI, were [redacted] Informant described JOE GURERA as a [redacted] and possibly a [redacted] subject and said that he was now [redacted] at the subject [redacted] and possibly [redacted] having recently [redacted] Informant said that from what he had been able to determine, GURERA is [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI.

On February 23, 1962, informant advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that FRANK BALISTRIERI seemed to be discontinuing Gallagher's Restaurant as a meeting place, but he, the informant, did not know the location of the new place. Informant said that FRANK BALISTRIERI, the subject, DE SALVO, and GURERA are [redacted] constantly and seem to be [redacted] the nature of which the informant had not yet determined.

On March 5, 1962, informant said that on [redacted], and that this group and others [redacted] were having almost a [redacted] over that [redacted] having to do with action that would be taken in connection with the Federal Grand Jury, which was being convened on March 5, 1962 and which they expected to be subpoenaed for.

On February 1, 1962, the Kansas City Office advised of the following information from [redacted]

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Subject was in Kansas City during the latter part of September, 1961 to attend a wedding and reception of the son of [redacted] and during the course of this visit, he was [redacted] during that time.

These informants also said that it was alleged that subject, while in Kansas City, [redacted] his brother (JAMES BALISTRIERI) [redacted]. These informants also said that JOHN MOLLE, who [redacted] had been [redacted] the subject [redacted] some time during [redacted]

FD-204 (Rev. 3-3-59)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: USA, MILWAUKEE

Report of: SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN
Date: March 19, 1962

Office: Milwaukee

Field Office File No.: MI 165-15

Bureau File No.: 165-104

Title: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka

Character: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF WAGERING INFORMATION

Synopsis: Subject in close association with FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, STEVE DE SALVO, and JOE GURERA. On [redacted] subject [redacted] GURERA to [redacted]. Subject tried to [redacted] regarding gambling activities in which the subject was connected in years past. b6 b7C b7D

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DETAILS: AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

A spot check on the residence of BUSTER BALESTRERE, 1634 North Jackson Street, On February 14, 1962, resulted in the following observations by reporting Agent. At aproximately 12:20 p.m., subject SALVO's 1961 white Pontiac, Wisconsin license B10-370, was parked at the rear of this address and three men, being DE SALVO, BUSTER BALESTRERE, and JOE GURERA, were observed to enter the car. They proceeded to Western Union Office located at 318 East Wisconsin Avenue, where BUSTER BALESTRERE was observed to enter and appeared to be sending a telegram. He then re-entered the car and the three of them went to Gallagher's Restaurant, arriving there at approximately 12:50 p.m. Approximately five minutes later FRANK BALISTRIERI arrived and all of them remained in the restaurant until 3:03 p.m. when the four of them went in subject's car to Para Corporation, where they remained for approximately ten minutes.

Later on that evening at approximately 7:10 p.m. subject's car was observed on Cass Street and Wisconsin Avenue next to the Juneau Hotel and at 8:30 p.m. it was observed again behind Gallagher's Restaurant.

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It was not there at 12:30 a.m. on February 15, but at 2:20 a.m. two individuals were observed to alight from the Pontiac and three remained in it. One of these individuals who left the car was observed to be BALISTRIERI who entered his own car and the other was observed to enter a [redacted] registered to [redacted] was tentatively identified as the individual driving this car.

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On March 1, 1962, the Minneapolis office advised that the following information had been obtained but is available only by issuance of a subpoena duces tecum, which should be directed to [redacted]

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On March 8, 1962, [redacted] Hertz Car Rental, 5th and Michigan Streets, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, said that he has for many years worked Monday through Friday nights at Hertz and that he is not familiar with the subject or anyone connected with Gallagher's Restaurant or Henri's Show Lounge, but that he would immediately advise this office in the event subject or any other individuals known to him to be connected with one of the above spots rents a Hertz car. [redacted] said that he knew [redacted] but the latter has not rented a car in over a year.

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On the same date, [redacted] was interviewed at his place of employment, [redacted] located at [redacted] and furnished the following information:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date March 19, 1962

[redacted] said he resides at [redacted] and is employed [redacted] He was born on [redacted] and has [redacted]

He was [redacted] in connection with the [redacted] being conducted by [redacted] JOHN C. RIZZO, and [redacted] was [redacted] He discussed with [redacted] the fact that he was [redacted] and the [redacted] mentioned it to JOE GAGLIANO. The [redacted], who was [redacted] [redacted], was seeking advice from GAGLIANO as to whether he had [redacted] and whether or not he should [redacted]. According to the [redacted] GAGLIANO [redacted] "You do what you want, that's up to you". GAGLIANO [redacted] but while the latter was in Maniacl's [redacted] located at [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE came to where [redacted] on his [redacted]

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BALESTRERE did not [redacted] in any way, but [redacted] if [redacted] and when advised that he was, BALESTRERE [redacted] that he [redacted] which he had a right to do, or tell him that he was merely a [redacted] and had been at [redacted] simply in connection with [redacted]

[redacted] explained that the place referred to was [redacted] JOHN RIZZO an another individual he knows is FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, although, he cannot furnish any information to substantiate this knowledge. He said that BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted] FRANK [redacted]

On 3/15/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # 165-15

by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN/abt Date dictated 3/19/62

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SAC, KANSAS CITY 3/23/62

SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-New)

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA
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On 2/21/62, Sergeant [redacted], Special Squad, Milwaukee P.D., advised that, on 2/15/62, members of his squad observed FRANK BALISTRIERI, ROSTER BALISTRIERI, STEVE DI SALVO, [redacted] and JOE GURERA in conversation at the Holiday House, of which [redacted] is one of [redacted]. These detectives learned that GURERA is [redacted]

On 2/22/62, Sgt. [redacted] advised that his men had positively identified a photograph of JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, FBI # 4058286, as the person referred to above. GURERA is from Kansas City and is known to your office.

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On 2/22/62, Sgt. [redacted] also advised that an informant had just learned that GURERA was [redacted] because he intended [redacted] and also to [redacted]. Sgt. [redacted] stated that he would attempt to follow the activities of GURERA through informants and investigation but he asked that background data be obtained which might assist in this matter.

LEADS

THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE

At Kansas City

1. Will check credit and criminal files to determine background of GURERA, such as the identities of members of his family, his previous employment, his description and arrest record.

2. Will check Dun and Bradstreet reports for record of any firms in which GURERA has been active in Kansas City area.

3. Will furnish any other background which may be obtained through informants.

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Open 92 case. Information that GURERA is [redacted] should be handled with discretion as this info is not widely known and [redacted] informant could be compromised.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 3/14/62

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

[X] CI [ ] SI b7D

[ ] PCI [ ] PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact: 3/8 and 12/62

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AR	92-164 HIGGINS
STEVE DI SALVO	92-165 HOLTZMAN
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI	94-316 HOLTZMAN
BUSTER BALESTRERE, ITWI	165-15 HOLTZMAN
JOE GURERA, AR	92-new THOMPSON
CIP	92-145 LOVRIEN
	162-1 THOMPSON
	165-11 KNICKREHM
	165-13 [redacted]

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative

[ ] Positive

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[redacted] ITWI

FRANK SANSONE

On 3/8/62, informant telephonically advised that JOE GURERA, who [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE, did time in Kansas City, and he understands that he has been suspected of murder and robbery and is a muscleman for the outfit. He said that GURERA [redacted]. b6 b7C b7D

On 3/12/62, informant said that [redacted] of the Milwaukee PD Security Squad are checking on GURERA and showing his photo around town. They are trying to find out why he is in Milwaukee and feel that he is here as a muscleman sent out by the Kansas City outfit. Informant added that they are right in this regard.

[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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Personal Data

Rating: Excellent

Coverage: Gambling

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In regards to FRANK BALISTRIERI, on 3/12/62, informant said that FRANK does not [redacted] most of [redacted] at the present time but must have some [redacted] He stated that FRANK will [redacted] for a period of time and then disappear for one or two hours and is evidently [redacted] with [redacted] unknown at the present time. b6 b7C b7D

Informant also advised that [redacted] of the [redacted] concerning the Federal Grand Jury investigation into gambling. [redacted] b3 b6 b7C b7D

Informant further advised on 3/12/62 that on the [redacted] and extending into [redacted] all of the [redacted] were called [redacted] at different [redacted] with STEVE DI SALVO, BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOE GURERA, who explained to [redacted] that things were being [redacted] and that [redacted] were to [redacted] these three individuals [redacted] that would be set up by them. STEVE, BUSTER and JOE are to [redacted] Informant stated that this indicated to him that very possibly [redacted] three individuals and trying to [redacted] so as to [redacted] of it. He stated that FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted] and seemed to be [redacted] as to b6 b7C b7D

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[redacted] the entire affair. He also advised that [redacted] of the [redacted] have evidently gotten wind of this and are trying to get information concerning it.

Informant stated that this is a very serious situation as [redacted] do not like it at all, and someone is very possibly [redacted] He said that they have [redacted] STEVE, BUSTER and JOE for the time being and that these three individuals have [redacted] consider the matter. b6 b7C b7D

He further advised that FRANK SANSONE [redacted] probably [redacted] In each instance they talked [redacted] there and attempted to get them to [redacted] in this matter.

Informant also advised that CARLO DI MAGGIO, an elderly man who was formerly one of the leaders of the Milwaukee Italian-American organization, [redacted] and he has now [redacted] CARLO claims that he was supposed [redacted] but did not [redacted] and he feels that if BUSTER, STEVE and JOE are successful he should [redacted]

Informant further stated on 3/12/62 that the hoodlums and gamblers in Milwaukee consider U.S. Attorney JAMES B. BRENNAN to be a "big mouth" and ambitious in that he talks too much and to the wrong people. He stated that the outfit has learned that he has been talking to Captain [redacted] of the Milwaukee PD Vice Squad and some members of the press concerning his plans for presenting gambling to U.S. Federal Grand Jury. Informant pointed out that talking to [redacted] is the same thing as talking to the newspapers, as he passes on information to the gamblers.

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Informant also advised that [redacted], who was [redacted], and still [redacted] there, has told all [redacted] and not to contact him. He has made the statement that he wants no connections with Milwaukee.

Informant also advised that JOHNNY RIZZO is [redacted] and that the [redacted] well into [redacted]. He [redacted] between [redacted] and later [redacted] Informant further advised that [redacted] and that they [redacted] and any time after [redacted] He stated that [redacted] and sometimes on [redacted] and that [redacted] if he is not working with [redacted]

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SAC, MILWAUKEE [redacted] 3/30/92

SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN

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1 - 92-165 (DI SALVO) Holtzman
1 - 165-15 (BUSTER BALISTRERE) Holtzman
1 - 92- [redacted] Thompson
1 - 94-316 (FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI) Holtzman
1 - [redacted] Knickrehm
1 - 165- [redacted] Knickrehm

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[redacted] it is suggested that a [redacted] case be opened on this individual.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 4/4/62

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

[X] CI [ ] SI [ ] PCI [ ] PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 3/24 and 30/62

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AR	92-164	HIGGINS
STEVE DI SALVO, AR	92-165	HOLTZMAN
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316	HOLTZMAN
JOE GURERA, AR	92-257	THOMPSON
CIP	92-145	LOVRIEN
IGA	162-1	THOMPSON
[redacted], ITWI	165-11	KNICKREHM
FRANK SANSONE, itwi	165-13	[redacted]
BUSTER BALESTRERE, ITWI	165-15	HOLTZMAN
[redacted] AR	92-158	

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[ ] Positive

On 3/24/62, informant advised that Las Vegas FBI Office that he had learned that FRANK BALISTRIERI, BUSTER BALESTRERE, STEVE DI SALVO and JOSEPH GURERA were very possibly going to leave Milwaukee on that date to attend a big hoodlum meeting somewhere, place unknown to him. This information was furnished Milwaukee Office by appropriate communication.

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On 3/30/62, informant advised that he [redacted] on the early morning of [redacted] He stated that he was supposed [redacted] before [redacted] but that on [redacted] and said that his plans had been changed as he had [redacted] somewhere and could not see him.

[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Personal Data

Rating: Excellent

Coverage: ~~Gambling~~

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[redacted] understood that FRANK BALISTRIERI, BUSTER BALESTRERE, STEVE DI SALVO and JOE GURERA were very possibly leaving Milwaukee on that day for a big meeting of hoodlums but did not mention the place where the meeting was going to be held. [redacted] as the latter was [redacted] concerning something. He is a [redacted], and the latter wanted to find out what it was all about. Informant said in this connection that he [redacted] at which time [redacted] that he had [redacted] and was now [redacted]

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Informant stated that he learned that BUSTER BALESTRERE, STEVE DI SALVO and JOE GURERA flew to Hot Springs, Arkansas, over the weekend of March 24, 1962, and returned to Milwaukee on Thursday morning 3/29/62, or late on Wednesday night, 3/28/62. He said that these three individuals went to Hot Springs for the purpose of meeting with 11 or 12 of top individuals in the Italian American organization throughout the United States and the purpose of the meeting was to definitely give BUSTER, STEVE and JOE a complete ok to go ahead and organize the gamblers in the Milwaukee area. From what informant has learned they obtained this ok, but he does not know the identity of the other individuals who attended this meeting. He said that they evidently [redacted] as they [redacted] and they [redacted], particularly to [redacted]

Informant stated that during [redacted], BUSTER BALESTRERE, STEVE DI SALVO and JOE GURERA again contacted all of the gamblers in Milwaukee and told them that they would either have to give 1/3 of their book [redacted] which would be operated by these three, or else pay them a flat sum every week for operating.

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These three individuals then went to Hot Springs, Arkansas, and when they returned notified all the gamblers that this was definitely the setup now and they would have to comply. He said that they intimated that if the gamblers did not fall in line that probably FRANK HOGAN or [redacted] as they considered them the leaders of the gamblers in Milwaukee and felt that they would be able to bring them all in line. Informant said that from what BUSTER, STEVE and JOE said, they intimated that they would definitely [redacted] He said that [redacted] to decide what to do [redacted] being [redacted], but nothing has as yet been decided. He stated that [redacted] are rather desparate and that [redacted] again; FRANK HOGAN [redacted] and [redacted] trying to get some of [redacted] in the [redacted] to intercede for them, but so far they have been unsuccessful. Informant stated that he understands that [redacted] STEVE, BUSTER and JOE [redacted] will have [redacted] these individuals [redacted] and the [redacted] will have [redacted] He said that STEVE, BUSTER and JOE [redacted] up their [redacted] is returning [redacted]

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Informant further advised that the Security Squad and the Vice Squad of the Milwaukee PD are aware of the situation but have made no effort to stop it. He said that [redacted] will still have to be made besides the one [redacted] Informant pointed out that while FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted] at all on [redacted] he is actually [redacted] and will definitely have an [redacted]

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Informant said that in regards to the Federal Grand Jury investigation of gambling in Milwaukee that the [redacted]

Informant stated that JOHNNY RIZZO is [redacted] and that the [redacted] are still [redacted] on [redacted] together from [redacted]

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On 3/30/62, informant advised that [redacted], nor FRANK SANSONE are [redacted] He said that this is [redacted]

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Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 4/4/62

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY b7D

[X] CI [ ] SI

[ ] PCI [ ] PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 3/15 and 18/62

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JOE GURERA, AR	92-257	THOMPSON
CIP	92-145	LOVRIEN
IGA	162-1	THOMPSON
FRANK BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316	HOLTZMAN
BUSTER BALESTRERE, ITMI	165-15	HOLTZMAN
STEVE DI SALVO, AR	92-165	HOLTZMAN
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AR	92-164	HIGGINS

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative

[ ] Positive

On 3/15/62, informant telephonically advised that he had learned that JOE GURERA had [redacted] but he told them nothing except that he claimed he was [redacted] and said that he had been [redacted]

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On 3/18/62, informant stated that FRANK BALISTRIERI usually [redacted] when his [redacted] He recalled that [redacted] FRANK and [redacted] some friend, name unknown.

[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Personal Data

Rating Excellent

Coverage Gambling

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1-162-1
1-165-15
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1-94-316
1-92-165
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Also on 3/18/62 informant advised that he understands that the local Italian-American outfit is endeavoring to put political pressure on U.S. Attorney JAMES B. BRENNAN in regards to the present Federal Grand Jury investigation of gambling and hoodlums and that two high-ranking Democrats are supposedly involved, but he does not know their identity.

On the same date, informant stated that BUSTER BALESTRERE, STEVE DI SALVO and JOE GURERA are [redacted] and have [redacted] that they demanded [redacted] He said that he believes that they are [redacted] waiting to see what [redacted] In his opinion the [redacted] to their demands and somebody [redacted] Informant said that FRANK BALISTRIERI is also [redacted] and will not [redacted] He said that [redacted] FRANK is usually [redacted] and he does not [redacted]

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On the same date informant said that JOHNNY RIZZO is still [redacted] are [redacted] and will then [redacted] to take part in [redacted]

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Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 4/11/62

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

[X] CI [ ] SI [ ] PCI [ ] PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 4/6, 9 and 10/62

Titles and File #s on which contacted

STEVE DI SALVO, AR	92-165	HOLTZMAN
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316	HOLTZMAN
JOE GURERA	92-257	THOMPSON
BUSTER BALESTRERE, ITWI	165-15	HOLTZMAN
CIP	92-145	LOVRIEN
IGA	162-1	THOMPSON

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[ ] Positive

On 4/6/62, informant advised that a "muscle man" whose name he does not know was in Milwaukee from St. Louis, Missouri, on [redacted] and he was [redacted] STEVE DI SALVO [redacted] which is [redacted] by FRANK BALISTRIERI. Informant advised that JOE GURERA has been out of town for the past week, and he believes that he was very possibly in Las Vegas, Nevada, although he is not absolutely certain. In response to a question as to who a "JGG" might have been, who contacted FRANK BALISTRIERI from Las Vegas, informant stated that this was very possibly GURERA and that the latter goes by the name of "Mr. G" or "Mr. JG" from time to time.

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He advised that STEVE DI SALVO, BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOE GURERA will [redacted]

[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Personal Data

Rating EXCELLENT

Coverage Gambling

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1-92-257
1-92-145
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1-165-15
1-162-1

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[redacted] will receive [redacted] He stated that he would advise as soon as he obtained the phone number and location.

On 4/9/62, informant telephonically advised that [redacted] was [redacted] on that date and that [redacted] from there went around to [redacted] as had previously been [redacted]

On 4/6/62, informant also advised that [redacted] and are not discussing the [redacted] He stated that this is all being [redacted] STEVE DI SALVO, BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOE GUERRA and that FRANK BALISTRIERI is [redacted] as he feels that he is [redacted] He also stated that [redacted] as someone there is [redacted]

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On 4/10/62, informant telephonically advised that he had just learned [redacted] STEVE DI SALVO, BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOE GUERRA at [redacted] which will be [redacted] He said that on [redacted] STEVE, BUSTER and JOE [redacted] personally and [redacted] He said that things have been changed and that they will not for the time being [redacted] but instead will [redacted] He further advised that [redacted] over the coming [redacted] probably in the latter's [redacted] Informant warned that [redacted] that might possibly [redacted] as this could possibly be a [redacted] He advised that from what he can learn [redacted] and that they will bring [redacted] so as to [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 4/11/62

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

[X] CI [ ] SI
[ ] PCI [ ] PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 4/6/62

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AR	92-164	HIGGINS
STEVE DI SALVO, AR	92-165	HOLTZMAN
BUSTER BALESTRERE, ITWI	165-15	HOLTZMAN
WILLIAM COVELLI, TGA-WS	162-49	HIGGINS
GIP	92-145	LOVRIEN
TGA	162-1	THOMPSON

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[ ] Positive

Informant advised that JOHNNY RIZZO is still [redacted] and that the [redacted]. He stated that the action [redacted] from about [redacted]. He said that [redacted] still [redacted] and that JOHNNY RIZZO is [redacted]. He stated that BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DI SALVO are still [redacted] of which undoubtedly [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI, but they [redacted] to RIZZO's.

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Informant [redacted] showing [redacted] on one side and [redacted]

[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Personal Data

Rating EXCELLENT

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1-165-15 1-162-49
1-92-145 1-162-1

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on the other. It has the appearance of [redacted] with a [redacted] He stated that [redacted] into this [redacted] and then goes [redacted] which is between [redacted] and thence to [redacted] where the action goes on, and [redacted] can be seen from the outside. There is [redacted] that leads [redacted] Informant stated that this is not usually [redacted] going to [redacted] but that they plan to use it as [redacted] in case [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) DATE: 4/30/62

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-696) RUC

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka.
~~LTWI~~ AR

Re Kansas City letter to Milwaukee dated 11/30/61.

On 4-3-62 [redacted] advised that BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted] at the present time. [redacted] advised BUSTER [redacted] and so far as she knows has nothing to do with [redacted] CI's stated BUSTER still resides in Milwaukee and so far as they know does not intend to return to Kansas City to reside.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 5/3/62

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

[redacted] CI [redacted] SI
[redacted] PCI [redacted] PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact
4/13 and 16/62

Titles and File #s on which contacted

STEVE DI SALVO, AR, Milwaukee	92-165 HOLTZMAN
~~FRANK DENNIS BALESTRIERI, AR, Milwaukee~~	~~94-316 HOLTZMAN~~
~~JOE QUBERA, AR, Milwaukee~~	~~92-257 THOMPSON~~
~~BUSTER BALESTRIERE, ITMT, Milwaukee~~	~~165-15 HOLTZMAN~~
~~ORGANIZED INVESTIGATIVE PROGRAM, Milwaukee~~	~~92-145 LOVRIEN~~
INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES, Milwaukee	162-1 THOMPSON

Purpose and results of contact

[redacted] Negative
[redacted] Positive

On 4/13/62, informant advised that [redacted] and ROBERT PICK [redacted] was ready to [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRIERE, STEVE DI SALVO and JOE QUBERA.

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On 4/16/62, informant advised that the [redacted] at [redacted] has definitely been taken over by [redacted] and is called [redacted] is being [redacted] and the telephone is Evergreen 3-1860.

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[redacted] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Personal Data

Rating
Excellent

Coverage
Gambling

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1 - 94-316
1 - 92-257
1 - 165-15
1 - 92-145
1 - 162-1

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AIRTEL AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (94-223) (RUC)

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
MILWAUKEE DIVISION

ReDuairtel dated 4/10/62, to Little Rock and Milwaukee, and Milwaukee letter to Director, dated 4/19/62.

Records of logical hotels and motels in Hot Springs, Arkansas, have been checked in an effort to determine if BUSTER HALESTRIEE, STEVE DI SALVO, and JOE CUNERA were in Hot Springs from 3/24/62, to 3/28/62. No record was located indicating these individuals registered at any of these locations under their true names or known aliases.

Contact with informants and sources and exhibiting of the above individual's photographs failed to develop any information subjects were observed in Hot Springs.

Records were reviewed of the National Park Service, Hot Springs, with negative results concerning a listing of all individuals taking the thermal baths from 3/24/62 to 3/28/62.

On 4/27/62, a review was made concerning reservations on 3/28/62, with Delta Airlines, Trans Texas Airways, and Central Airlines, the only lines serving Hot Springs, and no passenger was listed appearing identical with HALESTRIEE, DI SALVO, or CUNERA.

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1 - Chicago (Info)
1 - Little Rock (92-223)
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It is pointed out the Oaklawn Park Race meet was in operation from 2/17/62, to 4/7/62, and Hot Springs is visited during this period by the horse racing and gambling element.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/28/62

On May 17, 1962, the following observations were made at 1012 South First Street:

At 3:31 p.m., BUSTER BALESTRERE arrived and he departed at 3:46 p.m. He was alone.

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During the time that he was in the premises at 1012 South First, and at 3:32 p.m., a car bearing Wisconsin license [redacted] arrived and a blonde female, approximately 45 years of age, went into the establishment and left almost immediately with some cleaning. This car is registered to [redacted]

On 5/17/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 165-15

by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN esl Date dictated 5/22/62

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/28/62

The following observatins were made of the premises at 1012 South First Street from 2:40 p.m., May 21, 1962, until 5:50 p.m.

Various photographs were taken of individuals observed as set out hereafter:

At 2:40 p.m. on arrival the automobile of BUSTER BALESTRERE was observed parked across the street in front of 1012 South First Street. BALESTRERE was not seen during the period of the surveillance but was observed to leave at 5:50 p.m. in this car.

At approximately 2:57 p.m., a light blue 1961 Ford bearing Wisconsin license [redacted] (issued to [redacted] Milwaukee 22) was observed. The driver disappeared behind a truck blocking the view of the entrance to 1012 and about five minutes later was observed to cross First Street and remain over in the vicinity of a coffee shop and out of sight for approximately ten minutes when he returned and departed.

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An individual driving a Department of Public Works automobile number 5664 stopped and apparently entered 1012 South First for the approximate period 3:04 to 3:18 p.m.

At approximately 3:19 a colored individual driving a Mercury, Wisconsin license [redacted] (registered to [redacted] Milwaukee) was in the premises for approximately two minutes.

At 3:46 p.m., a heavy set man wearing a dark brown jacket entered the premises from a 1958 or 1959 blue Plymouth bearing Wisconsin license [redacted] (registered to [redacted]).

At 3:58 p.m., a 1960 white Chevrolet, bearing Wisconsin license L 60-323 (registered to Wisconsin Ice and Coal Company, 1518

On 5/21/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 165-15

by SAs CLARK E. LOVRIEN and JOHN A. HOLTZMAN esl Date dictated 5/22/62

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East North Avenue) was observed sitting on the street about 50 yards south of the premises with the motor running and a man seated in the car. At 4:20 he drove to the front of 1012 South First and then walked half a block north to a phone booth, where he appeared to make a telephone call. He was approximately 50 years of age, 5'11, having a heavy build and wearing glasses.

At 4:35 p.m., a 1960 white Oldsmobile came to the premises and a man went in and out in about 30 seconds. This car bore license [redacted] and is registered to [redacted] Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

At 4:45 p.m., an individual from a blue and white Studebaker bearing Wisconsin license [redacted] went into the premises. He was approximately 5'8, wearing a trench coat and had dark hair. This license is issued to [redacted], Milwaukee. b6 b7C

At 4:52 p.m., a car bearing Wisconsin license [redacted] (registered to [redacted]) stopped and the driver took cleaning into 1012 South First.

At 5:15 p.m., an individual from a 1958 rust brown Chevrolet. Wisconsin license [redacted] (registered to [redacted]) appeared and the driver picked up some cleaning.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/1/62

The following information is available following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum [redacted]

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On 4/19/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 165-15

by SA [redacted] esl Date dictated 4/25/62

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	5/29/62	2/21 - 5/21/62

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka	SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN	esl
	CHARACTER OF CASE	
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REFERENCE

Report of SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN, 3/19/62, Milwaukee

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THE MILWAUKEE OFFICE
AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Through informants, fisurs and interviews, continue to keep abreast of subject's activities.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The following information obtained from informants is set out hereafter in accordance with Bureau instructions rather than in the details of the report:

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1 - USA Milwaukee

2 - Milwaukee (165-15)

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DATE 6/4/62

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NOTATIONS

[redacted] on March 18, 1962, said that subject, along with STEVE DE SALVO and JOE GURERA, have been [redacted] and have [redacted] or so relative to the [redacted] that they had demanded. Informant said that FRANK BALISTRIERI is also [redacted] at this particular time.

On March 24, 1962, informant, who was [redacted], furnished information that subject, along with GURERA and DE SALVO, were possibly going to leave Milwaukee that day to attend a hoodlum meeting some place.

The informant [redacted] advised on March 30, 1962, [redacted] whom he was [redacted] and said that he, too, had a [redacted] and therefore [redacted] the subject along with GURERA, DE SALVO and FRANK BALISTRIERI were also going to a meeting of hoodlums that day.

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Informant also advised on March 30 that following [redacted] he learned that subject along with DE SALVO and GURERA flew to Hot Springs, Arkansas, over the weekend of March 24 to meet with eleven or twelve top individuals in the Italian-American organization from throughout the United States to get a definite OK on their plans to organize Milwaukee gamblers. Informant said that they did get this OK and upon their return to Milwaukee again contacted the gamblers and told them the setup was definite and the gamblers would have to comply. According to informant they intimated that if the gamblers did not get in line one of them would be punished and possibly killed.

Informant said that he understood that the smaller gamblers who do not give these individuals one-third of their take would have to pay $100 a week to operate and the bigger gamblers up to $500 a week.

Informant also said that subject, DE SALVO and GURERA also plan [redacted] within the next week and that [redacted]

On April 6, 1962, this informant said that the above individuals would [redacted] as soon as the [redacted]

and on April 9, 1962, he advised that the [redacted] and that the first [redacted]

Informant said that this was all being handled by the subject along with DE SALVO and GURERA and that FRANK BALISTRIERI was staying out of the picture.

On April 10, 1962, informant said that the [redacted] at [redacted] which is the address of [redacted], and from what he could learn [redacted] were to come to that [redacted]. and bring [redacted]

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On April 16, 1962, informant said that this [redacted]. The telephone number is EVergreen 3-1860.

On April 6, 1962, this informant said that JOHNNY RIZZO was still [redacted] from [redacted] The [redacted] RIZZO is [redacted]. Subject and DE SALVO are still [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI but do not [redacted]

All of the above information from [redacted] was furnished to SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY on the dates indicated.

On April 30, 1962, Kansas City furnished the following information:

On April 3, 1962, [redacted] advised that BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted] at the present time. [redacted] advised BUSTER [redacted] and so far as she knows has nothing to do [redacted] CIs stated BUSTER still resides in Milwaukee and so far as they know does not intend to return to Kansas City to reside.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA Milwaukee

Report of: SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN
Date: May 29, 1962
Office: Milwaukee

Field Office File No.: 165-15
Bureau File No.: 165-104

Title: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF WAGERING INFORMATION

Synopsis: Subject continues close association with STEVE DE SALVO and JOE GURERA as well as FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI. Believed to be instrumental [redacted]. Observations at this address reported. Alleged to have traveled to Little Rock around 3/24/62 to obtain national OK for organizing Milwaukee gamblers. Not verified by travel records. Unable to verify info that [redacted] on behalf of subject and associates.

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DETAILS: AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

The following information was obtained by SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON:

On February 21, 1962, Sgt. [redacted] Special Squad, Milwaukee Police Department, advised that on February 15, 1962, members of his squad observed FRANK BALISTRIERI, BUSTER BALESTRERE, STEVE DE SALVO, [redacted] and JOE GURERA in conversation at the Holiday House, of which [redacted] Those detectives learned that GURERA is considering opening up an asphalt paving business in Milwaukee.

On February 28, 1962, Sgt. [redacted] advised that an informant had just learned that GURERA was [redacted] because he intended [redacted] and also to [redacted]

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On April 12, 1962, Sgt. [redacted] Special Squad, Milwaukee Police Department, advised that on April 5, 1962, two officers of the Special Squad were watching Gallagher's Restaurant at about midnight. They observed STEVE DE SALVO's car with STEVE DE SALVO at the wheel, JOE GURERA and BUSTER BALESTRERE in the back seat, and an unidentified person seated between the latter two persons. Also, FRANK BALISTRIERI was taking something out of the trunk of his Cadillac. The officers swung around the block to get in behind DE SALVO. As they completed this circuit, DE SALVO's car pulled out. They followed it to [redacted] The occupants, which included five persons, went into the building but returned after 15 or 20 minutes. They then drove back to the downtown area and dispersed. The officers watched the unknown man who they believed was seated with BUSTER and JOE in the back seat of the car, and when an opportunity presented itself they "checked him out." He proved to be [redacted], who said [redacted] was at [redacted], and who said he [redacted]

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[redacted] said that he thought BUSTER BALESTRERE, JOE GURERA, etal, might be exploring the possibility of [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/1/62

The following information is available following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum [redacted]

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On 4/19/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 165-15 b6 b7C

by SA [redacted] esl Date dictated 4/25/62

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On May 4, 1962, reporting agent observed a foreign-make automobile at this address bearing Wisconsin license [redacted], which was determined through Motor Vehicle Department records to be issued to [redacted]

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Based upon information received March 30, 1962, that subject along with STEVE DE SALVO and JOE GURERA had flown to Hot Springs, Arkansas, for the weekend of March 24, 1962, contact was had with Delta Airlines, 5900 East Monroe Street, Chicago, by direct line telephone on April 9, 1962. Mrs. [redacted] said that Delta has the only direct service to Little Rock and Hot Springs out of Chicago and that there is no direct service out of Milwaukee. She was unable to locate any manifest listings of any of the above individuals, but said there was a lengthy listing of people from Milwaukee flying to Hot Springs and Little Rock during the pertinent time though none of them appeared to be a group of three men.

The Chicago Office has been requested to obtain the listings of all passengers with Milwaukee addresses during this period.

The following information was obtained from Little Rock May 7, 1962:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/17/62

The following observations were made on April 16, 1962 in the vicinity of 1012 South 1st Street, which shows the Unity Cleaners with a sign in the window "Under New Management."

During the time from approximately 10:30 a.m. intil 11 a.m. when this place was under observation, it was noted that the 1962 white over blue Chevrolet, license E 51-896, which is known to be the car of BUSTER BALESTRERE was observed parked in front of this address. Also parked there was a 1952 or 1953 dark green Buick, Wisconsin license [redacted] (registered to [redacted]

During the middle of the afternoon on this date observations were again made at this location and at approximately 3 p.m. a 1961 white Pontiac bearing Wisconsin license [redacted] was observed to drive up to the vicinity of 1012 South 1st Street and an individual known to agents as STEVE DI SALVO was observed to enter the address 1012 South 1st Street. He was noted to leave at approximately 4:30 p.m. alone but came out of the address with BUSTER BALESTRERE who, after a short time, returned to 1012 South 1st Street.

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During the span of time from approximately 3 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. the following listed cars were observed to stop at this address and the occupants entered:

1962 blue Chevrolet, license [redacted]; man carrying cleaning; car registered to [redacted]

1959 white Cadillac, license [redacted], registered to [redacted]

1962 black Pontiac, Wisconsin license [redacted], registered to [redacted]

At approximately 4:45 p.m. a white Chevrolet, Wisconsin license [redacted] registered to [redacted] pulled up. It was occupied by an elderly man with white hair.

At 5 p.m. an individual entered an old Oldsmobile from above address and departed. The tag number on this car was [redacted] registered to [redacted]

On 4/16/62 at Milwaukee, Wis. File # MI 92-165 MI 165-15

by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN: SA CLARK E. LOVRIEN: mg Date dictated 4/17/62

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/18/62

Observation was made at 1012 South 1st Street from approximately 3:30 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Upon arriving at the address BUSTER BALESTRERE, STEVE DI SALVO and JOE GURERA were observed crossing 1st Street at the intersection of Mineral Street, which is immediately adjacent to above address. At this time the automobile of BUSTER BALESTRERE was parked on 1st Street in front of the address and the automobile of STEVE DI SALVO was parked on Mineral Street to the west of 1st Street. These individuals were not seen again during the above time interval although BALESTRERE's car was not moved. During the above time interval the following automobiles were observed and photographs were taken of the individuals entering 1012 South 1st Street:

[redacted], white Chevrolet, operated by elderly, white-haired man; car registered to [redacted]

Old Buick, license [redacted] registered to [redacted], Milwaukee.

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Approximately 1954 tan over brown Oldsmobile, license [redacted] registered to [redacted], Milwaukee.

Also observed was an elderly man who entered and left the establishment several times, wearing tan car coat and grey cap.

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On 4/17/62 at Milwaukee, Wis. File # MI 92-165

by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN:
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/19/62

Observations were made at 1012 South 1st Street from approximately 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and photographs were taken of individuals entering or leaving this establishment:

BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DI SALVO's cars were both observed during the time the observations were made and these individuals were likewise seen within the address of 1012 South 1st Street.

BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOE GURERA went out together to the coffee shop across the street at approximately 5:30 p.m. and shortly thereafter STEVE DI SALVO left this address driving his own car.

A 1959 coral colored Ford two-door occupied by a young man and baby girl and bearing license [redacted] registered to [redacted] The man was observed to enter the establishment with a large bundle of laundry. b6 b7C

On 4/18/62 at Milwaukee, Wis. File # MI 92-165

MI 166-15

by SA CLARK E. LOVRIEN: SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN:mg Date dictated 4/19/62

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/20/62

At 11:30 a.m. a check of 1012 South 1st Street indicated no activity. There appeared to be no activity at this address until approximately 4 p.m. when two unknown men entered the establishment carrying cleaning. Shortly thereafter they both came out. One wore a light jacket and the other wore a dark jacket.

At 4:17 p.m. JOE GURERA could be seen in the establishment through the window. At 4:25 p.m. a picture was taken of a person seen through the window. At 4:40 p.m. a man in an automobile bearing tag [redacted] picked up his cleaning and left shortly thereafter. Car registered to [redacted] b6 b7C

About 4:40 p.m. 4 pictures were taken of BUSTER BALESTRERE, STEVE DI SALVO and JOE GURERA who were talking in front of the address.

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On 4/19/62 at Milwaukee, Wis. File # MI 92-165

by SA CLARK E. LOVRIEN: SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN: mg Date dictated 4/20/62

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/30/62

At 1:35 p.m. on this date occasion was had to observe an individual leaving an automobile bearing Wisconsin license [redacted] and enter 1012 South 1st Street. This license is registered to [redacted]

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On 4/27/62 at Milwaukee, Wis. File # ~~MI 165-15~~ MI 92-165

by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN: mg Date dictated 4/30/62

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/0/62

At approximately 1 p.m. an individual approximately 30 years old was observed, left a brown Oldsmobile, believed to be 1958 model, bearing Wisconsin license [redacted], and entered 1012 South 1st Street carrying a brown attache case. This car is registered to [redacted]

At approximately 3 p.m. an individual approximately 50 years old was observed to leave a new model 4-door Chevrolet bearing Wisconsin license [redacted] and enter the establishment at 1012 South 1st Street carrying cleaning. This license is registered to [redacted] Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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On 4/27/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # 92-103

by SA JOHN A. [illegible] Date dictated 5/9/62

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/8/62

At approximately 1 p.m. an individual approximately 30 years old was observed, left a brown Oldsmobile, believed to be 1958 model, bearing Wisconsin license [redacted] and entered 1012 South 1st Street carrying a brown attache case. This car is registered to [redacted]

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At approximately 3 p.m. an individual approximately 50 years old was observed to leave a new model 4-door Chevrolet bearing Wisconsin license [redacted] and enter the establishment at 1012 South 1st Street carrying cleaning. This license is registered to [redacted]

On 4/27/62 at Milwaukee, Wis. File # MI 165-13 92-165

by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN:mg Date dictated 5/8/62

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/9/62

On April 27, 1962, BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOE GURERA were observed alongside Yellow Cab #244 from which they were just alighting in front of 1012 South First Street. A third man, not identified, was still in the cab in the process of alighting.

[redacted] who resides at [redacted] and has been a cab driver for only a week, was contacted after he had left this area and furnished the following information: b6 b7C

At 1:25 p.m., on that date, the dispatcher had called him to make a pickup at 1634 North Jackson Street (known as the residence of BUSTER BALESTRERE and temporary residence of JOE GURERA). He said he took two men from this residence to 1012 South First Street, arriving at 1:35 p.m.

Photographs of BUSTER BALESTRERE, JOE GURERA and STEVE DE SALVO were shown to [redacted] along with a group of non-pertinent photographs, and he was unable to pick out the photographs of the individuals who had ridden in his cab.

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On 4/27/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 92-257

by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN esl Date dictated 5/3/62

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/28/62

On May 17, 1962, the following observations were made at 1012 South First Street:

At 3:31 p.m., BUSTER BALESTRERE arrived and he departed at 3:46 p.m. He was alone.

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During the time that he was in the premises at 1012 South First, and at 3:32 p.m., a car bearing Wisconsin license [redacted] arrived and a blonde female, approximately 45 years of age, went into the establishment and left almost immediately with some cleaning. This car is registered to [redacted]

On 5/17/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 165-15

by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN esl Date dictated 5/22/62

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/28/62

The following observatins were made of the premises at 1012 South First Street from 2:40 p.m., May 21, 1962, until 5:50 p.m.

Various photographs were taken of individuals observed as set out hereafter:

At 2:40 p.m. on arrival the automobile of BUSTER BALESTRERE was observed parked across the street in front of 1012 South First Street. BALESTRERE was not seen during the period of the surveillance but was observed to leave at 5:50 p.m. in this car.

At approximately 2:57 p.m., a light blue 1961 Ford bearing Wisconsin license [redacted] (issued to [redacted] Milwaukee 22) was observed. The driver disappeared behind a truck blocking the view of the entrance to 1012 and about five minutes later was observed to cross First Street and remain over in the vicinity of a coffee shop and out of sight for approximately ten minutes when he returned and departed.

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An individual driving a Department of Public Works automobile number 5664 stopped and apparently entered 1012 South First for the approximate period 3:04 to 3:18 p.m.

At approximately 3:19 a colored individual driving a Mercury, Wisconsin license [redacted] (registered to [redacted] Milwaukee) was in the premises for approximately two minutes.

At 3:46 p.m., a heavy set man wearing a dark brown jacket entered the premises from a 1958 or 1959 blue Plymouth bearing Wisconsin license [redacted] (registered to [redacted].

At 3:58 p.m., a 1960 white Chevrolet, bearing Wisconsin license L 60-323 (registered to Wisconsin Ice and Coal Company, 1518

On 5/21/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 165-15

by SAs CLARK E. LOVRIEN and JOHN A. HOLTZMAN esl Date dictated 5/22/62

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East North Avenue) was observed sitting on the street about 50 yards south of the premises with the motor running and a man seated in the car. At 4:20 he drove to the front of 1012 South First and then walked half a block north to a phone booth, where he appeared to make a telephone call. He was approximately 50 years of age, 5'11, having a heavy build and wearing glasses.

At 4:35 p.m., a 1960 white Oldsmobile came to the premises and a man went in and out in about 30 seconds. This car bore license [redacted] and is registered to [redacted] Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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At 4:45 p.m., an individual from a blue and white Studebaker bearing Wisconsin license [redacted] went into the premises. He was approximately 5'8, wearing a trench coat and had dark hair. This license is issued to [redacted] Milwaukee.

At 4:52 p.m., a car bearing Wisconsin license [redacted] (registered to [redacted] stopped and the driver took cleaning into 1012 South First.

At 5:15 p.m., an individual from a 1958 rust brown Chevrolet, Wisconsin license [redacted] (registered to [redacted] appeared and the driver picked up some cleaning.

A check was made several times on May 16, 1962, of this address but no pertinent observations were noted.

In an effort to determine the activities of [redacted], who has been alleged to have returned to Milwaukee to operate a book for the subject, spot checks were made of this address on the following dates:

April 11, 1962 - 3:35 to 4:50 p.m.

April 12, 1962 - 4:30 to 5 p.m., when brown Thunderbird, Wisconsin license [redacted] registered to [redacted] was observed parked in front of this address.

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April 17, 1962 - 9:15 a.m., above car parked on the lot to the north of the address

May 15, 1962, approximately 3:30 p.m.

May 16, 1962 - approximately 10:30 a.m. until noon

[redacted] has not been observed during any of the above periods of time.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 5/22/62

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY b7D

[X] CI [ ] SI
[ ] PCI [ ] PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 5/13/62

Titles and File #s on which contacted

STEVE DI SALVO, AR	92-165	HOLTZMAN
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316	HOLTZMAN
JOE GURERA, AR	92-257	THOMPSON
BUSTER BALESTRERE, ITWI	165-15	HOLTZMAN
CIP	92-145	LOVRIEN
IGA	162-1	THOMPSON

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[ ] Positive

Informant advised telephonically that STEVE DI SALVO, BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOE GURERA are still [redacted] for purpose of [redacted] He stated that they definitely are [redacted] and that they are [redacted] and [redacted] He also pointed out that some of [redacted] are not going [redacted] but instead [redacted] when they happen to run into them at some other place. He advised that although he is not presently [redacted] to the above Subjects as he may want to resume [redacted]

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[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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Personal Data

Rating
Excellent

Coverage
Gambling

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1-92-257
1-92-145
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1-165-15
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Informant stated that FRANK BALISTRIERI is really [redacted] in any discussions concerning [redacted]. However, he is absolutely certain that BALISTRIERI [redacted]. Informant pointed out that he had often wondered why JOE GURERA had been [redacted] but now he understands it.

Informant stated that approximately [redacted] made an appearance [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI, and that for that week BALISTRIERI [redacted]. He stated this was evidently one of the conditions under which [redacted] would appear at [redacted]. b6 b7C b7D

Informant said that approximately [redacted] name unknown, from [redacted] was in [redacted] STEVE DI SALVO, BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOE GURERA. He pointed out that this is this individual's second appearance there in the past six weeks and that [redacted]

Informant also advised that [redacted] is back in Milwaukee but as yet has not [redacted] STEVE DI SALVO, BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOE GURERA.

DIRECTOR, FBI

April 12, 1962

SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-157) (C)

JOSEPH FRANK GUERRA - AR

OO: Milwaukee

Re Bureau Airtel 4-10-62, "Criminal Intelligence Program, Milwaukee Division", carbon copies sent to Little Rock and Kansas City.

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For the information of the Chicago Office, re airtel repeated information from [redacted] which was received 3-30-62 to the effect that subject along with ROSTER MAIESTRERE and STEVE DE SALVO, flew to Hot Springs, Arkansas over the weekend of 3-24-62, and returned to Milwaukee Wednesday night 3-28-62. Purpose of the trip was to meet top ranking organization members, to obtain an okay for the Milwaukee group to organize gambling in the Milwaukee area. An identity of the individuals attending the meeting was not known to informant.

Bureau instructed Milwaukee to furnish details concerning the travel, and instructed Little Rock to conduct an investigation to determine the identity of persons whom they contacted in Hot Springs.

For the further information of both offices, GUERRA arrived in Milwaukee from Kansas City early in 1962 for the ostensible purpose of engaging in the asphalt cement business, but for the other purpose, from all information obtained in Milwaukee, to provide further muscle for the Milwaukee group in organizing gambling in this area. Since his arrival, he and the other two individuals mentioned above, have contacted most of the bookies in Milwaukee and have put the

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bite on them for ¼ to 1/3 of their take. In addition, they are allegedly in the process of opening their own book.

Upon receipt of the above information, on 4-9-62 contact was had with Mrs. [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, by direct line telephone under the Delta Airline listing in the Milwaukee Directory, and the following information was obtained from her.

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Delta Airlinerunn the only direct service both to Little Rock and Hot Springs, Arkansas out of Chicago. It does not operate out of Milwaukee, and there are various possible methods of getting from Milwaukee to Chicago. Mrs. [redacted] was unable to locate any manifest listing of any of the above individuals, but said that there was a rather lengthy listing of people from Milwaukee flying to either Hot Springs or Little Rock during the pertinent time, although none of them appeared to be a grouping of three men.

She stated that rather than make a listing of all passengers with Milwaukee addresses for the period 3-23-62 - 3-25-62 from Chicago to Arkansas. She would prefer to be contacted by an agent who could then make the list.

LEADS:

CHICAGO DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois

Contact Mrs. [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, and examine the manifest for Delta flights from Chicago to Hot Springs and/or Little Rock for the period 3-23-62 - 3-25-62.

Furnish the Milwaukee Office the identity of all such individuals giving Milwaukee addresses.

LITTLE ROCK DIVISION

At Little Rock, Arkansas

In addition to lead set out by the Bureau in re airtel, Little Rock is requested to attempt to verify by records that subjects were in Hot Springs, and returned by air from Hot Springs to Milwaukee during the period 3-25-62 - 3-28-62.

Enclosed for both offices are photographs of BUSTER BALESTRERI, STEVE DE SALVO and JOE GUERRA who have detective data on the reverse side.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 6/6/62

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY b7D

[X] CI [ ] SI
[ ] PCI [ ] PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 6/1/62

Titles and File #s on which contacted

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CIP	92-145 LOVRIEN
IGA	162-1 THOMPSON

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[ ] Positive

Informant advised that the Italian gamblers are still [redacted]. He stated that he [redacted] He advised that the place is actually legitimately [redacted], is actually [redacted] itself but that JOE GURERA [redacted] is at [redacted] He described [redacted] as a tall youth around 19 years of age. Informant said that there is very little conversation between [redacted] and that nothing is said concerning [redacted] as far as he knows. He pointed out that STEVE DI SALVO

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[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Personal Data

Rating EXCELLENT

Coverage GAMBLING

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was the one who originally approached all of the Italian gamblers and told them that they would have [redacted] and that there is no discussion now concerning this.

Informant further advised that [redacted] and JOE ALIOTA [redacted] for STEVE DI SALVO, BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOE GURERA and that he does not know the [redacted] but the phone number is Mitchell 5-9045. Informant further advised that JOE ALIOTA lives on North Holton Street and drives a 1959 Cadillac, and he and [redacted] usually drive over to [redacted] together. He further advised that STEVE DI SALVO is obtaining the line at the present time on [redacted] Informant said that these individuals use different [redacted] and it is very difficult to find out [redacted], but he is quite certain that [redacted] are out [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Informant was shown a photograph of LEONARD GIANOLA, a well-known hoodlum of Chicago, and he advised that this was not the individual [redacted] with FRANK BALISTRIERI, STEVE DI SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE in March or April of this year.

Informant further advised that JOE GURERA now seems to definitely be the front man for FRANK BALISTRIERI and is making all decisions, and all of the Italian hoodlums have to contact him regarding policy, permission and so forth. Informant said that it appeared that GURERA had supplanted FRANK BALISTRIERI as boss of the Italian organization and that if this was true it indicated that the Kansas City organization was taking over control of the Milwaukee boys. However, he is more inclined to believe that FRANK BALISTRIERI is just staying in the background and letting JOE GURERA operate for him. He advised that GURERA's family was coming to town and that they were [redacted] just off [redacted]

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Informant further advised that an individual by the name of [redacted] (phonetic), who [redacted] he believes in [redacted] is the individual who is supposedly furnishing the members of the Italian organization with information when their [redacted]

In regards to [redacted] Informant stated that he believes [redacted] was possibly forced into this. He stated that [redacted] at one time was [redacted] who [redacted] in Milwaukee and that [redacted] has on several occasions had [redacted] and actually [redacted] that he had never heard of [redacted]

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PLAIN

TELETYPE URGENT

TO: SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-326)

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-257)

JOSEPH GURERA, AKA - AR

BUSTER BALESTRERE, AKA. - AR

ON JULY TWELVE LAST LIGHT BLUE CHEVROLET, MO. LICENSE [redacted], IN MILWAUKEE IN CONTACT WITH ABOVE. ADVISE INFO. AS TO REGISTERED OWNER AND CONNECTION. SUTEL IF DEEMED PERTINENT TO CRIMINAL COMMISSION ACTIVITIES.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date July 24, 1962

The following observations relative to JOE GURERA were made by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN and other Agents as indicated on the dates and at the times and places noted:

On July 3, 1962, GURERA's automobile, a 1962 pearl gray Chevrolet, Wisconsin license E60784, was observed parked in the driveway of his residence. At 1:10 PM on this date he was observed to leave in the car and proceed to 1012 South 1st Street, Milwaukee, and arrive there at 1:42 PM, at which time STEVE DI SALVO was noted to be already there.

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This address was kept under observation, and at 2:20 PM, DI SALVO and GURERA came out in front of the address, at which time a 1957 blue Ford arrived, and both of these individuals walked over to the car and talked to the driver for two or three minutes. The car was noted to bear current Wisconsin license [redacted] (registered to [redacted] Milwaukee). At 2:25 PM, GURERA and DI SALVO left in GURERA's car. They were not followed.

On July 6, 1962, at 11:40 AM, GURERA, along with BUSTER BALESTRERE, was observed at the front desk located at 1012 South 1st Street. At 11:52 AM, a 1962 Buick, bearing current Wisconsin license [redacted], arrived, and the driver went inside and was observed to converse with GURERA and BALESTRERE. This individual left at 11:57 AM. (Car registered to [redacted])

At 12:34 PM, STEVE DI SALVO arrived at this address, driving his car, a 1961 white Pontiac, Wisconsin license A75995. He was accompanied by an unknown man and an unknown woman, who are described as follows: the man was approximately 55 years of age, 5' 9", 165 lbs., flabby appearance, thinning black hair, fat cheeks, dark eyes, pallid complexion. The woman was approximately 40 years of age and blonde.

The man and STEVE DI SALVO left the car and went in to 1012 South 1st Street until 12:44 PM, at which time they departed. They returned at 1:03 PM at which time GURERA came out to the car, which was parked on the east side of 1st Street to the south of 1012 South 1st Street. BUSTER BALESTRERE came out of the door but did not go to the car. BUSTER, STEVE and JOE then went into 1012 South 1st, and STEVE and JOE were observed talking together at the

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On 7/17/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 92-257
MI 165-15

by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN/bs Date dictated 7/20/62

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desk out of the immediate presence of BALESTRERE. STEVE had some paper which he was exhibiting to GURERA. It was in the form of a tear-out sheet from a sales book and was noted to have a carbon back.

At 1:11 PM, GURERA and DI SALVO went to DI SALVO's car and joined the unknown man and woman, who had remained in the car. BUSTER BALESTRERE went to the street with them, and they waved him to come along, but he declined. They were surveilled as they proceeded south out of Milwaukee on Highway 38, but the surveillance was discontinued at Mitchell Field Airport as they continued south.

At 2:25 PM, it was noted that BUSTER BALESTRERE was still at 1012 South 1st Street, and he remained there until 3:30 PM when the observation was discontinued.

On July 11, 1962, at 10:30 AM, it was observed that STEVE DI SALVO was at 1012 South 1st Street. At 11:06 AM, on this date, JOE GURERA's automobile was observed parked in the driveway of his residence and was kept under observation until 11:44 AM at which time FRANK BALISTRIERI drove up to GURERA's residence, and GURERA joined him in BALISTRIERI's 1959 Cadillac. They proceeded to 1012 South 1st Street and picked up DI SALVO at 11:59 AM after he had parked his automobile on a lot adjacent to this address at the intersection of South 1st and West Mineral Street.

The three of them proceeded to Arlington Park Race Track at Palatine, Illinois, where the surveillance was discontinued at 1:55 PM. During the time they were leaving Milwaukee, Special Agent RICHARD C. THOMPSON was contacted by radio and joined in the surveillance to Illinois.

On July 12, 1962, at two PM, the following automobiles were observed at the rear of BUSTER BALESTRERE's residence, 1634 North Jackson Street: BALESTRERE's Chevrolet, 1962 white over blue, bearing Wisconsin license E51896; GURERA's Chevrolet; PETER BALISTRIERI's Oldsmobile; a 1959 tan Mercury station wagon, Wisconsin license [redacted] (registered to [redacted]; a 1960 white over light blue Chevrolet, Missouri license [redacted] (registered to [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri). b6 b7C

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It is known to Agents that [redacted] is operated by [redacted] who is very active as a bookie in the city of Milwaukee.

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MI 92-257

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
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REFERENCE

Report of SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN, 5/29/62, at Milwaukee.

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The following information obtained from Confidential Informant, [redacted], is set out here rather than in the details of the report in accordance with Bureau instructions.

On 5/13/62, informant told SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that Subject, JOE GURERA and STEVE DI SALVO were still [redacted] for [redacted]. According to the informant, they are definitely [redacted] and are [redacted] Italian gamblers, some of whom are not even [redacted] when they happen to [redacted] the above individuals on the street. At this time informant said that although [redacted] was back in Milwaukee the [redacted] which he is [redacted] the Subject, DI SALVO and GURERA, has not [redacted]

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On 6/1/62, informant said that Italian gamblers were still [redacted] that in addition, this [redacted] was a [redacted], and that [redacted] stays at [redacted] and [redacted]. At this time informant said that [redacted] was now [redacted] a [redacted] the Subject, DI SALVO and GURERA and that he is [redacted] who lives on [redacted] and drives a [redacted].

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FD-204 (Rev. 3-3-59)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 USA Milwaukee

Report of: SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN
Date: July 31, 1962

Office: Milwaukee

Field Office File No.: MI 165-15

Bureau File No.: 165-104

Title: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character: INTERSTATE TRANSMISSION OF WAGERING INFORMATION

Synopsis: BUSTER BALESTRERE appears to spend considerable portion of his time at 1012 So. 1st St., Milwaukee; and he continues association with JOE GURERA and STEVE DI SALVO at this place and others.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date July 24, 1962

The following observations relative to JOE GURERA were made by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN and other Agents as indicated on the dates and at the times and places noted:

On July 3, 1962, GURERA's automobile, a 1962 pearl gray Chevrolet, Wisconsin license E60784, was observed parked in the driveway of his residence. At 1:10 PM on this date he was observed to leave in the car and proceed to 1012 South 1st Street, Milwaukee, and arrive there at 1:42 PM, at which time STEVE DI SALVO was noted to be already there.

This address was kept under observation, and at 2:20 PM, DI SALVO and GURERA came out in front of the address, at which time a 1957 blue Ford arrived, and both of these individuals walked over to the car and talked to the driver for two or three minutes. The car was noted to bear current Wisconsin license [redacted] (registered to [redacted] Milwaukee). At 2:25 PM, GURERA and DI SALVO left in GURERA's car. They were not followed.

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On July 6, 1962, at 11:40 AM, GURERA, along with BUSTER BALESTRERE, was observed at the front desk located at 1012 South 1st Street. At 11:52 AM, a 1962 Buick, bearing current Wisconsin license [redacted], arrived, and the driver went inside and was observed to converse with GURERA and BALESTRERE. This individual left at 11:57 AM. (Car registered to [redacted])

At 12:34 PM, STEVE DI SALVO arrived at this address, driving his car, a 1961 white Pontiac, Wisconsin license A75995. He was accompanied by an unknown man and an unknown woman, who are described as follows: the man was approximately 55 years of age, 5' 9", 165 lbs., flabby appearance, thinning black hair, fat cheeks, dark eyes, pallid complexion. The woman was approximately 40 years of age and blonde.

The man and STEVE DI SALVO left the car and went in to 1012 South 1st Street until 12:44 PM, at which time they departed. They returned at 1:03 PM at which time GURERA came out to the car, which was parked on the east side of 1st Street to the south of 1012 South 1st Street. BUSTER BALESTRERE came out of the door but did not go to the car. BUSTER, STEVE and JOE then went into 1012 South 1st, and STEVE and JOE were observed talking together at the

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On 7/17/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 92-257
MI 165-15

by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN/bs Date dictated 7/20/62

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desk out of the immediate presence of BALESTRERE. STEVE had some paper which he was exhibiting to GURERA. It was in the form of a tear-out sheet from a sales book and was noted to have a carbon back.

At 1:11 PM, GURERA and DI SALVO went to DI SALVO's car and joined the unknown man and woman, who had remained in the car. BUSTER BALESTRERE went to the street with them, and they waved him to come along, but he declined. They were surveilled as they proceeded south out of Milwaukee on Highway 38, but the surveillance was discontinued at Mitchell Field Airport as they continued south.

At 2:25 PM, it was noted that BUSTER BALESTRERE was still at 1012 South 1st Street, and he remained there until 3:30 PM when the observation was discontinued.

On July 11, 1962, at 10:30 AM, it was observed that STEVE DI SALVO was at 1012 South 1st Street. At 11:06 AM, on this date, JOE GURERA's automobile was observed parked in the driveway of his residence and was kept under observation until 11:44 AM at which time FRANK BALISTRIERI drove up to GURERA's residence, and GURERA joined him in BALISTRIERI's 1959 Cadillac. They proceeded to 1012 South 1st Street and picked up DI SALVO at 11:59 AM after he had parked his automobile on a lot adjacent to this address at the intersection of South 1st and West Mineral Street.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 8/1/62

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY b7D

[X] CI [ ] SI
[ ] PCI [ ] PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact
7/23/62

Titles and File #s on which contacted

STEVE DI SALVO, AR	92-165 HOLTZMAN
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316 HOLTZMAN
JOE GURERA, AR	92-257 THOMPSON
BUSTER BALESTRERE, ITWI	165-15 HOLTZMAN
CIP	92-145 KNICKREHM
IGA	162-1 THOMPSON

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[ ] Positive

Informant stated that JOE GURERA is definitely running Milwaukee as far as the Italian-American hoodlum element is concerned. He said that GURERA is supposedly running it for FRANK BALISTRIERI, but he personally thinks that GURERA is taking over for the Kansas City organization. Informant said that JOE makes all the decisions and is the man contacted by the hoodlums and gamblers in the area and that he definitely is the individual who gives the Italian gamblers permission to operate. He said that GURERA, BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DI SALVO are still [redacted] and that the majority of the Italian gamblers go there to [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Personal Data

Rating
EXCELLENT

Coverage
Gambling

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JHG:bs
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[redacted] and this gives him a right [redacted] anywhere he wants to in Milwaukee. He said that BUSTER BALISTRERE usually [redacted] from him.

He further advised that the above three individuals are still [redacted] which he previously furnished, MI 5-9045, and that the [redacted] who works at [redacted] He stated that he does not know for certain, but he believes that [redacted], very possibly [redacted] and that each morning between [redacted] goes to a [redacted] to get [redacted] very seldom using the [redacted]. b6 b7C b7D

He further advised that [redacted] and JOE ALIOTA are also [redacted] at the [redacted]

He said that he is quite certain that FRANK BALISTRIERI is [redacted] at [redacted] and also from [redacted] at the [redacted], but that there is no way of proving this.

He further advised that JOE GUERRA and STEVE DI SALVO have [redacted] there in [redacted]. He said that they [redacted] each [redacted]. Informant pointed out that a great many [redacted] would rather [redacted] for if they make the [redacted] on the [redacted]

In regards to [redacted] who may be [redacted] with [redacted] informant stated that this is undoubtedly [redacted] with [redacted] at the [redacted] and Wisconsin at Milwaukee.

Informant said that FRANK BALISTRIERI is [redacted] at the present time and seems [redacted]. He said

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that he recently attended a party held at BALISTRIERI's house, which was [redacted] and that he noted all of the big leaders of the Italian-American hoodlum element were present, and he gained the impression that it was more of a meeting of these individuals than a [redacted]

Informant said that in the [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI has [redacted] in possibly [redacted] on the [redacted] between [redacted] He said that [redacted] partly is [redacted] and that FRANK has not said why he [redacted] but it is evidently in [redacted] for some [redacted] Informant said that there has been some rumor that [redacted] Milwaukee [redacted] JOE GURERA [redacted] and that [redacted] may possibly be for him.

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Informant stated that he is definitely afraid of JOE GURERA causing trouble in Milwaukee, and it is possible that this individual may try to show his power by hurting some individual who goes against him or even killing him. He said that GURERA is extremely ambitious and that he and BUSTER BALESTRERE have now [redacted] from all of the [redacted] and [redacted] in Milwaukee. He said that just recently they [redacted] and are [redacted]. Informant said that [redacted] actually [redacted], that he [redacted], and that [redacted] is actually just on the [redacted], even though [redacted] probably show that [redacted]. He said that STEVE, BUSTER and JOE are [redacted] in order to make [redacted] and that he would not put anything past them.

Informant stated that [redacted] and will [redacted] and probably [redacted] in Milwaukee, and informant believes that this is going to cause trouble as [redacted] is a very well known hoodlum and gangster, and he will be in some trouble before long. In fact, [redacted] has threatened several other hoodlums in Milwaukee and might very possibly try to get rough with them.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 8/3/62

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JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AR	92-164	HIGGINS
WILLIAM COVELLI, IOA-WO	162-49	HIGGINS
CIP	92-145	KNICKREIM
IOA	162-1	THOMPSON
[redacted], ITWI	165-71	HOLTZMAN

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[ ] Positive

Informant stated that [redacted] and taking a great many [redacted] as well as taking [redacted] individuals who [redacted]. He stated that [redacted] is getting the [redacted] and that [redacted] whose true name is [redacted] by use of [redacted] and sometimes [redacted] who also works [redacted] in the same manner. He said that they obtain this around [redacted] and then [redacted]. They then return to [redacted] and a check is made with [redacted] to make certain that they have the [redacted]. He said that

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[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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Personal Data

Rating EXCELLENT

Coverage GAMBLING

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[redacted] is available to all [redacted] to [redacted] Informant claimed not to know where these individuals [redacted] except that he believes it is [redacted]

Informant was questioned as to description, etc., of [redacted] who he had previously stated [redacted] as there are a great many [redacted] in Milwaukee and investigation to date had failed to reflect this individual's true identity. He stated that [redacted] resides at [redacted] Milwaukee, and his [redacted] in whose name the phone is listed. He is in his late 20's, small build, black hair, single. In his off-time he hangs around [redacted] at [redacted] in Milwaukee and was at one time a [redacted] He [redacted] which he believed to be [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

The following was asked as to the true identity of certain individuals whose names had been obtained [redacted] He stated that [redacted] could be possibly [redacted] He advised that [redacted] is probably the individual [redacted] which is the [redacted] He advised that the individual using the name of [redacted] who used to be [redacted] and who [redacted] and gives the [redacted]

In regard to [redacted] in which case Judge WILLIAM GRAMLING of Waukesha County Circuit Court found [redacted] not guilty, informant stated that something was funny there as they had the individuals who [redacted] but [redacted] was found not guilty. He said that there is a rumor around town that it cost [redacted] to have [redacted] but he does not know any details and that this is just a rumor.

In regards to the John Doe hearing now going on concerning the Milwaukee PD being conducted by the Attorney General of

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Wisconsin, JOHN REYNOLDS, informant pointed out that REYNOLDS is running for Governor on the Democratic ticket and that District Attorney WILLIAM MC CAULEY is a powerful Democrat in Milwaukee and appears upset over the John Doe investigation. Informant stated that the Vice Squad and MC CAULEY's office seem to be very worried for fear there may be some leaks in that they have [redacted] and so forth, and that MC CAULEY, [redacted] of the District Attorney's office are worried. However, he noted that REYNOLDS said that he had gathered information for the John Doe hearing from various police agencies, including his own investigator and the FBI. Informant said that it may be very possible that the John Doe hearing will end shortly completely whitewashing the Milwaukee PD and the District Attorney's Office and thereby trying to ridicule the FBI as the latter organization has been quoted in the paper several times concerning there being gambling and prostitution in Milwaukee and hinting that the Milwaukee PD was not keeping the town as clean as they should.

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Informant said that he heard that there were two big boys in from Kansas City approximately two weeks ago, but he did not see them and does not know their identity. He pointed out that the Milwaukee outfit is actually supposedly run by the Kansas City outfit, and this is more pointed out by the fact that JOE GURERA of Kansas City is practically running Milwaukee at the present time.

Informant said that he has now learned that JOE GURERA is [redacted] and also [redacted] at the [redacted] He stated that there are three [redacted] and that [redacted] with these individuals in any of the three. He said that on [redacted] JOE GURERA [redacted] He said that he did not know whether this was the [redacted] GURERA [redacted] or whether it was [redacted]

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Informant said that on [redacted] around 3 PM, two men drove up [redacted] in a [redacted] which bore Illinois license. One of these individuals was wearing a black silk suit, alligator shoes, smoked long cigars and had a very large diamond on his left hand. He said that this individual was rather heavy and around 5' 9" and was definitely Italian. He said that both of the men went into [redacted] and that FRANK BALISTRIERI, BUSTER BALESTRERE, STEVE DI SALVO and Dr. GUARDALABENE were there at the time. Informant stated that [redacted] and [redacted] to the above individuals. He said that these men were undoubtedly from Chicago and that he may find out their identities [redacted], but he naturally cannot ask questions as this is not healthy.

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In regards to STEVE DI SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted], informant stated that they [redacted] chiefly because they [redacted] and on one day during the week of [redacted]. He said that they managed [redacted], but he doesn't know where [redacted]. He said that one [redacted], was definitely [redacted] It was [redacted] and the [redacted] He said that [redacted] and that the [redacted] supposedly [redacted] Informant stated that he was warned that [redacted]

In regards to JOE GUERRA, BUSTER and STEVE trying to [redacted] informant stated that they are still [redacted] and are planning in the near future to [redacted] but have not as yet [redacted] He said that the [redacted] is definitely a [redacted] except for the fact that the [redacted] of [redacted] depending on the [redacted] or [redacted] and that the [redacted] is where the above three individuals are [redacted]. He also advised that BLACKIE BROCCA is supposed to be [redacted] Informant said that JOE, BUSTER and STEVE [redacted]

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[redacted] etc., [redacted] but he is quite certain that they also [redacted] and he will endeavor to ascertain where they do [redacted]

In regards to the individual at [redacted] who [redacted] informant said that all he knows is that it is an individual by the name of [redacted] who supposedly has a [redacted] and is in a [redacted] such information.

Informant said that JOHNNY RIZZO is still [redacted] and that he and BILL COVELLI still [redacted] to STEVE DI SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE. He said that for the past two weeks JOHNNY RIZZO has been [redacted] to these individuals in Milwaukee [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY b7D

[X] CI [ ] SI
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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 8/1/62

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CIP	92-145 KNICKREHM
IGA	162-1 THOMPSON

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[ ] Positive

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Informant stated that [redacted] has not been seen around Milwaukee for quite a period of time in the gambling circles, and he does not know his present whereabouts or activities. He pointed out that [redacted] makes a gambling circuit throughout the U.S., playing poker and shooting crap and evidently makes a good living at this. He said that he understands that [redacted] is still financially backed by FRANK BALISTRIERI, STEVE DI SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE AND JOE GURERA, and because of this backing he naturally gives them a "cut" of his winnings.

[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Personal Data

Rating: Excellent

Coverage: Gambling

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CO: MILWAUKEE

Re report of SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN, Milwaukee, dated 5-29-62.

Enclosed herewith are three copies of corrected page 11 of this report. Also enclosed are nine copies which are to be substituted for page 13 of the report of SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN dated 5-15-62, Bufile #92-5134 on STEVE JOHN DE SALVO; page 11 of report of SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN dated 5-29-62, Bufile #165-104 on BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERI; and page 12 of report of SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN dated 5-14-62, Bufile #92-3116 on FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI.

USA, Milwaukee has been advised.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Milwaukee (165-15) DATE: 8/20/62

FROM : Director, FBI (165-104)

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
ITWI

Through investigation of captioned subject under the Criminal Intelligence Program, your office developed information indicating his involvement in a possible ITWI violation. Although considerable information from informants and other sources as well as through open investigation indicates Balestrere is an active hoodlum figure, insufficient evidentiary data has been secured to date that would support successful prosecution. In view of this, you should subject the results of your inquiry into this subject's activity during the past months to an analytical searching review and thereafter resolve all logical possibilities concerning his involvement in ITWI in an effort to secure sufficient evidence that would support prosecutive action. If no such evidence developed, this matter should be brought to an immediate conclusion and Balestrere's activities thereafter followed under the appropriate intelligence character, such as IGA or AR. In either case, keep the Bureau advised as to what action you are taking. If the ITWI case is to be closed in the future, be sure that it is done by means of a closing report.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 8/23/62

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY b7D

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[ ] PCI [ ] PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 8/17/62

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JOHN AIELLO, aka AR	92-227	THOMPSON
THE CRIMINAL "COMMISSION", Etal AR-- CONSPIRACY	92-262	HOLTZMAN
STEVE DI SALVO, AR	92-165	HOLTZMAN
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, aka AR	94-316	HOLTZMAN
JOE GURERA, AR	92-257	THOMPSON

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[ ] Positive

BUSTER BALESTRERE, ITWI	165-15	HOLTZMAN
PHIL ALDERISIO	94-314	
[redacted] ITWI	165-71	HOLTZMAN
CIP	92-145	KNICKREHM
IGA	162-1	THOMPSON

Informant advised that there are quite a few strangers from out of town of Italian descent who have been visiting some of the better known leaders of the Italian hoodlum element in Milwaukee. He said that a [redacted] from Pittsburgh, Pa., is presently visiting JOHN ALIOTO and staying at [redacted] There are 4 men and 2 women in this party, and they have been at ALIOTO's [redacted] He further advised that there are two individuals from out of town visiting at b6 b7C b7D

[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

92-166-123

Personal Data

Rating Excellent

Coverage ~~165-12~~ Gambling ~~165-12~~ 45

1-92-227
1-92-257
1-165-71
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165-15
1-92-145
1-94-316

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PETER BALISTRIERI's home at Milwaukee and that one out-of-town hoodlum, whom he believes is very possibly from Kansas City, is [redacted] and that JOE GURERA and STEVE DI SALVO were seen with this individual on [redacted]

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In connection with this, informant said that PETER BALISTRIERI [redacted] at the [redacted] PETER BALISTRIERI [redacted] He said that PETER seems to [redacted] and usually [redacted] there and that it is quite often someone [redacted] each time.

In connection with JOE GURERA [redacted] approximately [redacted] ago to get [redacted], informant said that he learned that these individuals [redacted] and that he does not know [redacted] but he does know that JOE GURERA [redacted] that he [redacted] in Milwaukee. Informant said that Kansas City has for quite a period of time felt that the Milwaukee organization is not making enough money. He said that when JOE GURERA came to town he was sent here definitely by Kansas City outfit to organize the collections from gamblers and tavern keepers. He pointed out that prior to the gamblers in Milwaukee being approached on paying so much a week to the Milwaukee outfit that certain meetings were held among the leaders of the Italian outfit in Milwaukee and that JOE GURERA was present at these meetings, openly told them that he had been sent here to start collections from gamblers to show the Milwaukee boys how to operate. Informant said that JOE GURERA was definitely not a top man in Kansas City but was a muscleman for the outfit and suspected of several murders there.

Informant said that JOE GAGLIANO, FRANK SANSONE, [redacted] are definitely [redacted]

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with JOE GURERA, FRANK BALISTRIERI, STEVE DI SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE because when [redacted] originally concerning [redacted] the above individuals [redacted] They made [redacted] in an effort to have [redacted] for them with [redacted] so that they would not have to [redacted]. He said that [redacted] and JOE GAGLIANO are still not [redacted] but that the others, with the exception [redacted] who is not presently [redacted] or other form [redacted] to [redacted] Informant said that STEVE DI SALVO and JOE GURERA have [redacted] several times of [redacted] the members of the Italian outfit not to try to buck the Milwaukee organization by appealing to members of the outfit in other cities.

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Informant felt that JOE GAGLIANO, FRANK SANSONE, [redacted] might possibly [redacted] He said he did not think it would be [redacted] as they have a [redacted] more so than the others. Informant said that he has learned by [redacted] the above individuals were [redacted] as none of the [redacted] and told the [redacted]. He explained that [redacted] actually may be more or less than [redacted] are the [redacted] who [redacted]. He said that [redacted] or any other one by asking for them but could not [redacted]

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Informant said that JOE GURERA must have [redacted] as he had [redacted] in the [redacted] JOE was not [redacted]. He said that he was unable to learn of the identity of the individuals whom GURERA [redacted]

Informant said that he understood that "Milwaukee Phil" ALDERISIO was in Milwaukee [redacted] and that some sort of a meeting was held with FRANK BALISTRIERI, BUSTER BALESTRERE, JOE GURERA, and STEVE DI SALVO; and he does not know where or what took place.

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Informant said that [redacted] in approximately two to three weeks and that [redacted] He said that the [redacted] where they are [redacted] is now being [redacted] and rather [redacted] and that [redacted] He said that [redacted] of [redacted] in [redacted] Informant said that the [redacted] will definitely have [redacted] and that JOE GURERA and STEVE DI SALVO will probably [redacted]. He said that as usual FRANK BALISTRIERI will [redacted] but will [redacted] entirely. Informant was not absolutely certain of [redacted] but said that he would furnish [redacted] as soon as [redacted]

In connection with [redacted] informant said that the [redacted] from [redacted] and that although [redacted] actually has [redacted] at the present time but rather is on [redacted] and JOE GURERA [redacted] informant said he believes this is because [redacted] has the reputation of [redacted] while the actual [redacted] is not too [redacted] as he has been known [redacted]

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in the past. Informant said that as far as he knows JOE GURERA, and STEVE DI SALVO have not [redacted] as yet on a [redacted] however, on [redacted] JOE and STEVE, while [redacted], did hint to [redacted] but he does not know whether [redacted]

In regards to [redacted] JOHN ALIOTO, the former leader of the Italian outfit of Milwaukee, informant said that [redacted] is naturally in the organization in Milwaukee; but, like [redacted] he would have someone else do any dirty work. He further advised that [redacted] would not be consulted on any matters by the Italian hoodlums unless it was a matter of extreme importance on policy in operations of the outfit. Informant said that JOE GURERA is still [redacted] at the [redacted]. He said that he has noted that JOHN AIELLO is becoming very close to STEVE DI SALVO and JOE GURERA and is seen with them very often. Informant pointed out that AIELLO is a strong-arm man who is suspected of being used by the outfit for some murders in the past and that if any gambler was murdered by the outfit in the near future, he would not be surprised if AIELLO was given the job.

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Informant said that BUSTER BALESTRERE for the past [redacted] to have been [redacted] with [redacted] He said that BUSTER is [redacted] to [redacted] where [redacted] and that BUSTER is in [redacted] where [redacted] but he does not [redacted] or have any [redacted]. He said he does not know the reason for BUSTER [redacted] but would endeavor to find out. He said that [redacted] is now [redacted] BUSTER [redacted] and, according to informant, [redacted] is one of the better known burglars in the Milwaukee area.

Informant said that [redacted] of the [redacted] of FRANK BALISTRIERI and also has [redacted] with [redacted]. He said that [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI and that the two have a great deal of respect for each other

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and will do any favors requested. He said that [redacted] b6
places a great many [redacted] b7C
by STEVE DI SALVO, [redacted] b7D

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Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 8/20/62

[X] CI [ ] SI

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

[ ] PCI [ ] PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 8/8/62

Titles and File #s on which contacted

STEVE DI SALVO, AR	92-165	HOLTZMAN
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316	HOLTZMAN
JOE GURERA, AR	92-257	THOMPSON
BUSTER BALESTRERE, ITWI	165-15	HOLTZMAN
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AR	92-164	HIGGINS
[redacted] ITWI	165-71	[redacted]
PHIL ALDERISIO, AR	92-314	
SAM CEPALU, [redacted] IGA-LTs	162-23	
IGA	162-1	THOMPSON
CIP	92-145	KNICKREHM

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Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[ ] Positive

On the morning of August 8, 1962, informant telephonically advised that JOE GURERA is [redacted] between [redacted] He said that he did not know the [redacted] identity of these individuals but that the [redacted] Upon interview on night of [redacted] informant advised that he did not learn the identity of the individuals GURERA [redacted] but knows that they were [redacted] and that GURERA was [redacted]

[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Personal Data

Rating Excellent

Coverage ~~Gambling~~ 92-166-124

1-92-165
1-165-15
1-162-1
1-165-71

1-94-316
1-92-164
1-162-23
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1-92-257
1-92-145
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[redacted] He said that FRANK BALISTRIERI, BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DI SALVO were around Milwaukee; hence, they were [redacted]

Informant also advised that PETER BALISTRIERI, brother of FRANK, is [redacted] and he believes that this is some individual [redacted], but he is not certain. He said that he had also learned that [redacted] JOE, who [redacted] they had obtained from the outfit in Kansas City. Informant pointed out that with GURERA taking over as he has in the Milwaukee outfit there are all indications that Kansas City is now running Milwaukee syndicate and that the Milwaukee boys are broke and Kansas City is helping them out financially. b6 b7C b7D

Informant said that the Milwaukee outfit is controlled to a certain extent by FELIX "MILWAUKEE PHIL" ALDERISIO of Chicago and PHIL VALLEY, who is a member of the Chicago outfit but is head of the union in Milwaukee and has a great deal of say with "MILWAUKEE PHIL" in the operation of the Milwaukee outfit. He said that both of these individuals have interests in Chicago and Cicero, Illinois, and Milwaukee, Wisc., and that "MILWAUKEE PHIL" also has interests and big connections with Kansas City. He said that the organizations in these three cities seem to be tied up together. He pointed out that "MILWAUKEE PHIL" is a close friend of ROCCO FISCHETTI in Chicago and that FISCHETTI also has very strong ties in Kansas City.

In regards to reports received by this Office by a [redacted] that JOE GURERA and [redacted] with [redacted] at [redacted] located on [redacted] between [redacted]. Informant stated that [redacted] there all the time and that [redacted] when the latter was in Milwaukee. He said that JOE GURERA goes [redacted] at least [redacted] for purpose of [redacted] and [redacted] the latter the [redacted]

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MI [redacted]

each Italian gambler is suppose to [redacted] He said that GURERA actually [redacted] except for this purpose. Informant recalled in that [redacted] JOE GURERA was [redacted] who was also [redacted] and that some [redacted] was in the [redacted] them a [redacted]

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In regards to a [redacted] is seen quite often, informant said that this is [redacted] and is being operated by [redacted] but that [redacted] He is [redacted] SAM CEFALU's [redacted]. Informant said that [redacted] does not actually have [redacted] but that he [redacted] for the present time until the individual who [redacted] in it has [redacted]

Informant also advised that he understands that JOE GURERA, BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DI SALVO [redacted] in Milwaukee which are run by Italians. They are still [redacted]

In regards to [redacted] the [redacted] in Milwaukee, informant said that on [redacted] STEVE DI SALVO usually [redacted] to individuals who [redacted] and JOE GURERA usually [redacted] He said sometimes, if these [redacted] will do the [redacted] Informant advised that [redacted] is still [redacted] with the same [redacted] the [redacted] was previously furnished, and that none of the [redacted] ever go to [redacted] itself. In fact, he doubts if any of them know its location. He was questioned concerning the identity of some individuals whose first names or nicknames were obtained from a confidential source as being [redacted] He stated that [redacted] who especially

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[redacted] and [redacted] He is [redacted] He said that [redacted] also is referred to [redacted] however, he is of the opinion that this may be a [redacted] instead of a [redacted] and this would be [redacted] a great deal on [redacted] and very possibly [redacted] and gives them to the [redacted] He said that [redacted] and gives a great deal of action [redacted]

Informant said that [redacted] and also some [redacted] He said that the [redacted] send them in and [redacted] and do not have to come up with [redacted] He pointed out that [redacted] for [redacted] and that he became such after he [redacted] for [redacted]

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In regards to language used by [redacted] he said that a [redacted]

Informant said that he has heard [redacted] that some of them have been [redacted] He suggested that the [redacted] individuals in [redacted] so that they are there at the [redacted] He said that this is when [redacted] as to [redacted] and so forth. He stated that [redacted] is obtained [redacted] and that some of the [redacted] for [redacted] and that they, in turn, then [redacted] or the other [redacted] them. It is a very effective relay system.

Informant said that JOHN CHARLES RIZZO of Kenosha is still [redacted] and does not seem to be worried about [redacted] He said that RIZZO has [redacted] and lets all of [redacted] especially STEVE, BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOE GURERA.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 8/29/62

[X] CI [ ] SI

[ ] PCI [ ] PSI

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 8/23/62

Titles and File #s on which contacted

STEVE DI SALVO, AR	92-165 HOLTZMAN
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, aka AR	94-316 HOLTZMAN
JOE GUNERA, AR	92-257 THOMPSON
BUSTER BALESTRERE, ITWI	165-15 HOLTZMAN
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AR	92-164 HIGGINS
[redacted] IOA	162-15 MACDONALD
CIP	92-145 KNICKERBIN
IOA	162-1 THOMPSON

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative

[ ] Positive

Informant stated that BUSTER BALESTRERE seems to still [redacted] JOE GUNERA and STEVE DI SALVO, that he is definitely [redacted] but is not [redacted] JOE and STEVE and is not [redacted] with them.

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In connection with [redacted] known as [redacted] informant stated that there is a [redacted] for that [redacted], Mitchell 5-5099, which is in addition to the [redacted] he has already supplied for [redacted]. He also said that there is [redacted] at the [redacted] which is [redacted] and in which FRANK BALISTRIERI has [redacted]

[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Personal Data

Rating EXCELLENT

Coverage GAMBLING

1-92-165 1-94-316 1-92-164
1-92-257 1-165-15 1-162-15
1-92-145 1-162-1
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MI [redacted]

Informant advised that he had learned that [redacted] had now started and that he is quite certain the address is [redacted]. [redacted] starting around [redacted] are [redacted]. He said that [redacted] and [redacted] is getting [redacted]. Informant pointed out here that by [redacted] he means the individuals who have [redacted]; namely, JOE GURERA, STEVE DI SALVO, FRANK BALISTRIERI and BUSTER BALESTRERE, are [redacted]. Informant said that [redacted] on a [redacted]

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In connection with JOE GURERA, informant said that JOE has [redacted] in the last couple [redacted], and he believes they were made [redacted] He stated that [redacted] are still [redacted] and that JOE GURERA and STEVE DI SALVO are now [redacted]. In connection with this, he said that [redacted] STEVE DI SALVO at [redacted] to make a [redacted] which is [redacted]. He further advised that BUSTER BALESTRERE either [redacted] during the [redacted] Informant advised that he has now learned that in addition to [redacted] and they have approached [redacted] on [redacted] but he does not know whether or not the [redacted]

Informant said that on [redacted] STEVE DI SALVO, JOE GURERA and another [redacted] but did not do any [redacted] He said that on the way [redacted]

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and that STEVE and JOE [redacted] in a [redacted]. He said that at the [redacted] they [redacted] which they had evidently [redacted] someone. He also advised that while [redacted] STEVE and JOE met JOHNNY RIZZO from [redacted] and that the latter [redacted] which was very possibly [redacted] from [redacted] RIZZO [redacted] and in which the [redacted]

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Informant advised that a [redacted] at [redacted] He furnished a [redacted] on it, reflecting that the [redacted] and that there was to be [redacted] a piece. Informant said that [redacted] who has nothing to do with [redacted] and that this is actually just [redacted] He said that there will definitely [redacted] and that STEVE DI SALVO and JOE GUERRA [redacted] but the latter only [redacted] and GUERRA and STEVE will [redacted] Informant pointed out that they have previously [redacted] and also at [redacted] the latter [redacted] He said in each instance [redacted] and they are [redacted] for the organization. He said that approximately [redacted] individuals [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 8/31/62

FROM : SA JOHN H. GAGGARRY

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☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 8/24, 28 & 30/62

Titles and File #s on which contacted

STEVE DI GALVO, AR	92-165	HOLTZMAN
JOE GURERA, AR	92-257	HOLTZMAN
BUSTER BALDISTRERO, AR	105-15	HOLTZMAN
[redacted], ITAL	165-11	KNICKREHM
FRANK BALISTRIERI, aka AR	94-316	HOLTZMAN
GIP	92-145	KNICKREHM
IGA	102-1	THOMPSON

Purpose and results of contact

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On 8/24/62, informant furnished a ticket, No. 114, to the stag dinner to be [redacted] at Allota's on Blue Mound the night of 8/28/62 at 7:30 PM. He said that [redacted] is a [redacted], and resides on [redacted], and it is actually a [redacted] and he will receive the proceeds of the ticket sales, $10 each, over and above expenses. He said, however, that [redacted] will have nothing to do with the crap game and that the only individuals receiving profits of this will be STEVE DI GALVO and JOE GURERA, [redacted] Informant said that he does not believe any record is kept of the ticket numbers or to whom they are sold and that strangers could come in if they would mix with the crowd and act like gamblers.

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Excellent	Coverage Gambling

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On the night of 8/28/62, around 11:30 PM, informant telephonically advised that he was at the party at Aliota's on Blue Mound and that the crap game had not as yet been started. He said that the boys were debating then as to whether or not to have the game, and if they started it he would immediately advise.

On 8/30/62, informant advised that there was a group of approximately 40 to 60 gamblers and hoodlums from Milwaukee that met at Aliota's and that they produced their tickets to the hostess upon entering the private downstairs room and were given tickets for free cocktails at the bar. He said that during the progress of the dinner the tickets for the stag dinner were collected from the individuals attending. He advised that after the dinner ended, around 9:30 PM, two strange men came down into the private dining room and stood at the bar by themselves, not mixing with anyone. He said that someone in the group thought that one of these men was very possibly an investigator for the State Beverage Control Board, although he was not sure. He advised that after sitting around and talking, etc., until approximately 11:15 PM, the boys were then trying to decide whether or not they should have the crap game.

Informant said that on that afternoon STEVE DI SALVO, JOE GUERRA and BUSTER BALESTRERE had [redacted] unknown to him, who had [redacted] that [redacted] and, so, those three individuals did [redacted] He said that in order to find out whether these strangers really belonged there and knowing that they had [redacted] when [redacted] several of the individuals [redacted] started saying, "Let's [redacted]" When these two strange men heard this, they [redacted] and did not return. Informant said that had they [redacted] everything would have been okay and [redacted] would have gone on. He pointed out that [redacted] but nobody actually knew who they had [redacted] He said that they were still thinking of putting [redacted] later on [redacted] but decided against it.

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Informant advised that [redacted] was [redacted] and that he [redacted] practically all the time [redacted] individuals

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[redacted] in his parking lot. On one occasion [redacted] and called them [redacted] to see if they were [redacted] He said that around one or [redacted] he saw [redacted], and this definitely caused them to [redacted]

Informant stated that [redacted] SAM CEFALU, [redacted] were present and were supposed to [redacted]. He advised that the following individuals were also present: b6 b7C b7D

[redacted]

AUGIE MANIACI;

[redacted]

JOE GAGLIANO.

Informant said that there were other individuals there, whose names he could not recall, at this time.

He stated that some of the men claimed that they had seen a Milwaukee PD Detective car outside with three detectives in it, but he, himself, did not know about this.

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MI [redacted]

Informant advised that on Friday night, August 24, 1962, a party was held at Pappy's in Bay Shore [redacted] and that it was held for Jewish gamblers. He said that [redacted] and that STEVE DI SALVO and JOE GURERA [redacted] inasmuch as [redacted]

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Informant said that he understands that another stag with a big crap game was going to be set up for next week and that several others will follow. He will endeavor to obtain tickets for these events and furnish them at a later date. He pointed out that even though the boys are aware of the fact that the stag at Aliota's was well covered, as a result of which they could not have the crap game, he does not believe that they are discouraged and that they will definitely go ahead with their plans for other ones as this is a very [redacted] for the [redacted] of this type go on in the Italian element without STEVE DI SALVO and JOE GURERA [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 8/31/62

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY b7D

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 8/30/62

Titles and File #s on which contacted

STEVE DI SALVO, AR	92-165	HOLTZMAN
JOE GUNERA, AR	92-257	HOLTZMAN
BUSTER BALESTRERE, AR	165-15	HOLTZMAN
[redacted] ITWI	165-11	KNICKREHM
FRANK BALISTRIERI, aka AR	94-316	HOLTZMAN
CIP	92-145	KNICKREHM
	162-1	THOMPSON

Purpose and results of contact IGA

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant said that JOE GUNERA for [redacted] He has seen him around very little.

He further advised that he has now learned why BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted]. He said that BUSTER, STEVE and JOE GUNERA were [redacted] (information which had previously been furnished) and that on [redacted] these three individuals were in a quandry as to whether or not they should [redacted] who very possibly had information [redacted]. He said that BUSTER made [redacted] and that it caused STEVE, JOE and BUSTER [redacted] and they are

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☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Excellent	Coverage Gambling

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[redacted] BUSTER. He said for that reason BUSTER is now kind of [redacted] but he is absolutely certain that they would [redacted] BUSTER but are just [redacted] at the present time for his [redacted]

Informant advised that [redacted] JOE GURERA he has now ascertained that the individual whom JOE GURERA [redacted]. He said that GURERA claimed [redacted] and has his [redacted] at the [redacted]. According to GURERA, [redacted] there, [redacted] He said that GURERA claimed that [redacted] Informant pointed out that recently STEVE DI SALVO and JOE GURERA [redacted] unknown individual at this [redacted] while [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

In regards to the large group of Italians who were at the Tuckaway Country Club on August 27, 1962, many of whom were from Illinois, informant stated that this was an Italian golf tournament and was strictly legitimate. He said that as far as he knows there were no meetings held there, and he does not know which Italians were there from Illinois. He said that this is an annual golf tournament between Italians in the area.

Informant advised that [redacted] is still [redacted] He said that STEVE, JOE GURERA, [redacted] Informant said that there are a [redacted] but there are very few of this type.

In regards [redacted], informant said that as far as he knows [redacted] are the only ones that are [redacted]

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Informant also advised that [redacted] was only [redacted] for [redacted] during which time they had [redacted] and [redacted]. He stated that [redacted] was [redacted] brought on through the [redacted]. He stated that they will [redacted] as soon as [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

In regards to [redacted], who is supposedly [redacted] informant said that he knows [redacted] but he is not [redacted] and that [redacted] is probably just [redacted] in [redacted]

SAC (92-262) 8/20/62

SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN

THE CRIMINAL "COMMISSION",
ET AL
MILWAUKEE DIVISION
AR - CONSPIRACY

The following information was obtained on 8/10/62 from Sergeant [redacted], Milwaukee PD, Special Squad:

An informant of [redacted] has given him information which leads him to believe that within the [redacted]. He said that his informant believes that the most logical [redacted] he does not know which but describes him as [redacted] who for quite a while was very [redacted] but now has seemed to [redacted] ROBERT PICK, who is [redacted] that [redacted].

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[redacted] said that on the night of 8/9/62, Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] saw "Milwaukee PHIL" ALBERIGIO, JOHN NOLLE, from Kansas City at the Red Lion Room of the Knickerbocker Hotel in the company with FRANK BALISTRIERI, BUSTER BALESTRERE, STEVE DE SALVO, and JOE GURZZA. [redacted] also learned from [redacted] that [redacted] with a [redacted] did not have all the details as to this. [redacted] pointed out that it is possible that the [redacted] may be trying to take over the gambling action in Milwaukee through their connection with [redacted] a national syndicate figure from California.

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[redacted] also said that he had heard that the group was opening a new gambling joint, apparently a walk-in place, on North Milwaukee Street, and he would advise immediately of the location of the place when determined.

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He pointed out that the group has apparently [redacted] pointing out that the [redacted] was such a place, that [redacted] on the north side and one on the south side, known as [redacted], and that [redacted]. These individuals and [redacted] of the Milwaukee PD Burglary Bound because of the possibility that they may be [redacted] pointed out that [redacted] were all known to them.

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The above information was confirmed in a large degree by contact with [redacted] on the same date.

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Date August 29, 1962

At 10:36 a.m. at 1012 South 1st Street, Milwaukee, BUSTER BALESTRERE's car was observed across from Acino Cleaners. Also parked adjacent to his car was a 1961 brown Pontiac station wagon, License J24-257 (registered to State Foundry & Machine Company, Cedar Grove, Wisconsin). The individual driving this car came from the direction of Acino Cleaners but it was not seen specifically whether he emerged from this address or not at 10:37 a.m. He is described as six feet tall, 195 pounds, blond crew cut hair, age approximately 40 years.

At 10:43 a.m. [redacted] was observed to arrive at Acino Cleaners driving his 1961 white Buick and was observed talking to BUSTER BALESTRERE. A surveillance was not maintained, but a recheck at 11:40 a.m. showed that [redacted] and BALESTRERE were both gone.

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It had been noted that a 1958 Ford, black and white in color, bearing Wisconsin license [redacted] was occupied by an individual who apparently had this address under observation. This license is registered to [redacted] This individual is known to be a member of the Vice Detail of the Milwaukee Police Department.

On 8/24/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 165-15

by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN /jb Date dictated 8/27/62

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 24, 1962

At 9:30 p.m. Subject's car was observed parked behind Gallagher's Restaurant. No other cars of known significance were observed.

On 9/18/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 165-15

by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN /jb Date dictated 9/20/62

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date August 29, 1962

The [redacted] may be obtained by issuance of a subpoena duces tecum issued [redacted], [redacted]

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On 8/28/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 165-15

by SA(A) ALBERG G. MACDONALD/lmp Date dictated 8/29/62

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date August 29, 1962

The [redacted], [redacted] may be obtained by issuance of a subpoena duces tecum issued to [redacted]

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On 8/28/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 165-15

by SA(A) ALBERT G. MACDONALD/lmp Date dictated 8/29/62

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE:

[X] CI [ ] SI

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FROM : SA. JOHN A. HOLTZMAN b7D

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 8/10/62

Titles and File #s on which contacted

THE CRIMINAL "COMMISSION" AR-CONSPIRACY	92-262 (HOLTZMAN)
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316 (HOLTZMAN)
BUSTER BALESTRERE, AR	165-15 (HOLTZMAN)
CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM	92-145

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[ ] Positive

The following information was obtained on 8/10/62 from the informant:

[redacted] JOHN ALIOTO) has approached the [redacted] to be [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI. According to informant, this [redacted] in spite of the fact that [redacted] JOHN ALIOTO had set up [redacted] BALISTRIERI, until [redacted] trying to talk [redacted]

According to the informant, [redacted] that they will [redacted] this agreement being [redacted] are trying [redacted] to arrive at a more [redacted] According to the informant, they

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[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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have already [redacted] the opportunity [redacted] in lieu [redacted]

Informant also said that [redacted] having admitted, [redacted] FRANK FAZIO.

LOUIE FAZIO, who informant said is most [redacted] with [redacted] that his [redacted] and he was to [redacted] to further discuss this matter. Informant said he will furnish any additional information he obtains relative to [redacted].

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Informant also said that he had information that [redacted] was going [redacted] had already [redacted]. Informant said he would furnish the [redacted] when he learned it.

Informant said that BUSTER BALESTRERE was [redacted] and in fact had been [redacted] but had been [redacted] on this and now was [redacted] whatsoever and was just [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	9/24/62	7/23/62 - 9/18/62

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE	SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN	jb
	CHARACTER OF CASE: ITWI	

REFERENCE

Report of SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN, Milwaukee, 7/31/62.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

As indicated in Bureau letter, 8/20/62, this matter is being closed as a substantive violation case. The original AR case involving the Subject is being re-opened to keep track of his current activities. Should information be obtained indicating a substantive violation, a subsequent case will then be opened on the Subject.

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On 7/23/62 [redacted] advised that the Subject, along with JOE GURERA, and STEVE DI SALVO, were still [redacted]

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[redacted] where the majority of [redacted]

On 8/23/62 informant said that BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted] there, at [redacted] or at [redacted]

On 8/1/62 informant said that Subject and DI SALVO had been [redacted] right at [redacted], but had stopped doing so on [redacted] chiefly because they [redacted] heavily and in fact had [redacted] during [redacted].

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On August 23, 1962 he said that Subject seemed to [redacted] GURERA and DI SALVO, and although he was still [redacted] GURERA and DI SALVO as he had been [redacted] On August 30 he said that he has now learned why BALESTRERE was in [redacted] namely, that while they were [redacted] they had been doubtful about [redacted] in light of the fact that [redacted] Nevertheless, BUSTER had [redacted] and for this reason GURERA [redacted]

On August 17, 1962 this informant advised that "Milwaukee Phil" ALDERISIO was in Milwaukee [redacted] and had held a meeting of an unknown matter with FRANK BALISTRIERI, JOE GURERA, STEVE DI SALVO and the Subject.

On 8/10/62 [redacted] advised that Subject had been [redacted] during the [redacted] and had been originally [redacted] Informant did not know what was [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee

Report of: SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN
Office: MILWAUKEE
Date: September 24, 1962

Field Office File No.: MI 165-15
Bureau File No.: 165-104

Title: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character: INTERSTATE TRANSMISSION OF WAGERING INFORMATION

Synopsis: Subject observed, along with FRANK BALISTRIERI, STEVE DI SALVO and JOE GURERA, meeting with "Milwaukee Phil" ALDERISIO of Chicago and JOHN MOLLE of Kansas City on 8/9/62. Results of physical surveillance indicate Subject spends majority of his time at Acino Cleaners, 1012 South 1st Street, Milwaukee, Wis.

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DETAILS: At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

On August 10, 1962 Sergeant [redacted] SAS, Milwaukee Police Department, said that on the previous night, August 9, 1962 Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] observed the Subject at the Red Lion Room of the Knickerbocker Hotel in company with "Milwaukee Phil" ALDERISIO of Chicago and JOHN MOLLE of Kansas City. Also present at this meeting were FRANK BALISTRIERI, STEVE DI SALVO and JOE GURERA.

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Sergeant [redacted] also said that on July 9, 1962 a 1962 tan Chevrolet sedan bearing Illinois License 111-117 was observed by officers of his detail at BUSTER BALESTRERE's home. He said that a check of the registration disclosed that this car was registered to Starr Brothers, Inc., 113-115 South Plum Street, Carlinville, Illinois.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date August 10, 1962

At 1:44 PM on July 31, 1962, STEVE DE SALVO's car was observed at 1012 South 1st Street. DE SALVO himself was not seen at this time. No surveillance was instituted, but at 3:44 PM on this date it was noted that Subject's car was still parked at the same place, and he was at this time observed in Acino Cleaners along with BUSTER BALESTRERE and several unknown individuals. BALESTRERE left at that time.

MI-165-15

On 7/31/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 92-165

by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN/bs Date dictated 8/6/62

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date August 21, 1962

At 2:25 PM it was noted that STEVE DE SALVO's car and BUSTER BALESTRERE's car were both parked at Acino Cleaners, 1012 South First Street. No surveillance was maintained.

MI- 165-15

On 8/9/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 92-165

by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN/bs Date dictated 8/15/62

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date August 28, 1962

At 11:30 AM, it was observed that JOE GURERA's car was parked at Acino Cleaners, 1012 South First Street. No surveillance was instituted.

At two PM on this date GURERA's car was no longer at this location, but STEVE DE SALVO's car was there, and in addition a 1962 gray Chevrolet was parked in front of the address. It bore Wisconsin license C61-008 registered to Motor Leasing Company, 1450 North Michigan, Saginaw, Michigan.

MI- 165-15

On 8/16/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 92-165

by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN/bs Date dictated 8/22/62

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date August 29, 1962

At 10:45 AM DE SALVO's car was observed parked on Mineral Street just west of First Street with BUSTER BALESTRERE sitting in the driver's seat and a second man sitting on the passenger side of the front seat. No surveillance was maintained, but a check at 11:25 AM disclosed that the car was no longer at this location.

On 8/18/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 92-165

by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN/bs Date dictated 8/23/62

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 11, 1962

At 10:35 AM, STEVE DE SALVO, BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOE GURERA were all observed at Acino Cleaners, 1012 South First Street. GURERA and DE SALVO left in their respective automobiles at 10:40 AM. No surveillance was maintained, but a recheck of the address at 11:45 AM disclosed that BUSTER BALESTRERE likewise departed meanwhile.

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On 8/30/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 92-165

by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN/bs Date dictated 9/5/62

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 24, 1962

At 9:30 p.m. Subject's car was observed parked behind Gallagher's Restaurant. No other cars of known significance were observed.

On 9/18/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 100-15

by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN /jb Date dictated 9/20/62

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SAC, SPRINGFIELD 9/25/62

SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) (P)

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE,
aka.
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In connection with an investigation conducted on captioned individual in a 165 category which has now been closed, the following information was obtained:

On 7/9/62 officers of the SAS, Milwaukee Police Department, observed a 1962 tan Chevrolet sedan parked at the rear of Subject's residence, 1634 North Jackson Street, Milwaukee. This car bore Illinois License 111-117 registered to Starr Brothers, Inc., 113-115 South Plum Street, Carlinville, Illinois.

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It is requested that the Springfield Office advise of any information indicating that Starr Brdhers or any individual connected with it is engaged in hoodlum type activities.

It is requested that the Kansas City Division determine the [redacted] and advise whether hoodlum connections are known.

Re-open this case and incorporate into the case all serials in 165-15, which has been closed in accordance with instructions in Bureau letter, 8/20/62.

FD-209 (Rev. 3-9-62)
OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 9/24/62

FROM : SA JOHN H. GAGNAY

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact
9/21/62

Titles and File #s on which contacted

FRANK BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316	HOLTZMAN
JOE GURERA, AR	92-257	HOLTZMAN
JOHNNY RICCO, AR	92-164	HIGGINS
BUSTER BALISTRERE, ITMI	165-15	HOLTZMAN
STEVE DI SALVO, AR	92-165	HOLTZMAN
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FRANK SANSONE, ITMI	165-13	[redacted]
GIP	92-145	KNICKREHM
IGA	162-1	THOMPSON

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant was questioned as to identity and background of [redacted] who was observed by Milwaukee PD Special Squad at JOE GURERA's house and who was questioned by members of that Squad. Informant advised that [redacted] is from Kansas City, Mo., and is a member of the Italian outfit in that town. He stated that he is [redacted] JOE GURERA and is presently [redacted]. He further advised that GURERA [redacted] at the same place [redacted] in the [redacted] under [redacted]. Informant said that JOE GURERA has made the statement that [redacted] to [redacted] and to help the [redacted] as they are in [redacted] at the present time.

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☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
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MI [redacted] b7D

Informant said that [redacted] has not [redacted] due to [redacted] and that [redacted] may be [redacted] on but at a [redacted]. He will know when and [redacted] Informant said that BUSTER BALESTRERE is still [redacted] and that STEVE DI SALVO and JOE GURERA have [redacted] They do not [redacted] and practically [redacted]

Informant advised that on [redacted] there was [redacted] between JOE GURERA, [redacted] STEVE DI SALVO and [redacted] b6
He said that from what [redacted] they were trying to figure b7C
out [redacted] They were b7D
looking for some [redacted] who were in [redacted]. Informant said that [redacted] as well as [redacted] which have been [redacted]. He said that they [redacted] either STEVE DI SALVO or JOE GURERA. He further advised that all of the Italian gamblers [redacted]

Informant also advised that [redacted] at the time it [redacted]. Informant stated that [redacted] has again [redacted] but only on an extremely [redacted] of its [redacted] and that they are not [redacted]. Instead, they [redacted] and obtain the [redacted]

In regards to the [redacted] which appeared in the [redacted] informant said that [redacted] is very possibly actually [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI.

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In regards to [redacted] informant said that [redacted] is very possibly [redacted]. He said that he is convinced that [redacted] is the only [redacted] He pointed out that as soon as [redacted] was available for [redacted] to any of the [redacted] after about [redacted] started again making [redacted] Informant said that he has ascertained that [redacted] obtaining [redacted], and at times they [redacted] Informant stated that he believes they were obtaining [redacted] in that city and [redacted] He said that he is not absolutely certain concerning [redacted] but he knows that the individual he [redacted]

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Informant also advised that FRANK SANSONE, aka HOGAN, is still [redacted] but that he is [redacted] He said that he was [redacted] and may possibly be [redacted]

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 10/9/62

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

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SUBJECT: [redacted] b7D

Dates of Contact 9/29/62

Titles and File #s on which contacted

FRANK BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316	HOLTZMAN
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JOHNNY RIZZO, AR	92-164	HIGGINS
GUSTER BALESTRERE, IGWI	165-15	HOLTZMAN
STEVE DI SALVO, AR	92-165	HOLTZMAN
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Purpose and results of contact

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[ ] Positive

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[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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Personal Data

Rating Excellent

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He said that the [redacted] and LA GALBO are very [redacted] BALISTRIERI'S [redacted] He pointed out that FRANK LA GALBO [redacted] the [redacted], and if FRANK BALISTRIERI is [redacted] it will mean that LA GALBO [redacted] He said that LA GALBO and BALISTRIERI have been [redacted] and there have been rumors in the [redacted] that each of them [redacted] but nothing has come of it. He also said that JOE GURERA definitely [redacted] FRANK [redacted] but that it will [redacted] BALISTRIERI [redacted] if he [redacted] Informant said that he would not be surprised if [redacted] in the near future, and this would mean that [redacted] would probably [redacted] to [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

He further advised that on [redacted] JOHN MOLLE [redacted] was in [redacted] and was [redacted] PETER BALISTRIERI, [redacted] FRANK. He said that he does not know [redacted] of MOLLE [redacted] but it may have something to do with FRANK BALISTRIERI and [redacted]. He said that MOLLE is a member of the Italian organization in Kansas City and is [redacted] JOE GURERA, in fact, is believed to be GURERA [redacted]

Informant stated that [redacted] STEVE DI SALVO, JOE GURERA, [redacted] is [redacted] in the same manner as before [redacted] He said that he recently obtained a [redacted] which is BR 1-9613, and [redacted] and he believes that this [redacted] He said that [redacted] prior to [redacted] A check of this [redacted] reflected that it is an [redacted]

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In regards to [redacted] that informant has previously said [redacted] informant said that this is [redacted] and that he learned of this individual and [redacted] through [redacted], an [redacted]. Informant said that he understands that [redacted] furnished with [redacted] of [redacted] and [redacted] and that he [redacted] and advises them if [redacted]. He said that he has never [redacted] and knows [redacted] except the fact that he is an [redacted].

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Informant said that he understands that [redacted] getting [redacted] on a [redacted], and it is then [redacted] to the other [redacted] when they [redacted]. He further advised that he still believes [redacted] in [redacted] and [redacted] to obtain [redacted] on a [redacted]

In connection with JOHNNY RIZZO, informant said that he is [redacted] and is also [redacted] there as well as [redacted]

Informant stated that the [redacted] which was supposed to [redacted], has now been given [redacted] feel that it is [redacted] and they now do not plan to again [redacted] as the [redacted] has put [redacted] on this matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-166) DATE: 10/9/62

FROM : SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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On 10/2/62 BUSTER BALESTRERE was curbed by the writer at 5:05 p.m. shortly after he left Acino Cleaners.

A relatively brief conversation was had with him at which time it was mentioned to him that I understood that he was in the doghouse with the group and that it seemed to me that with all the heat being put on, the end of the line might be in sight for hoodlum activities and perhaps he might be inclined to get on our side of the fence.

BALESTRERE stated that he did not know anything that would be of interest to us and that he himself had not done anything that would be of interest to us. He was not obviously unfriendly or angry at the contact, and I clearly furnished him my name and suggested that he think over what I had said and get in touch with me.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 10/17/62

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY b7D

[X] CI [ ] SI
[ ] PCI [ ] PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 10/6, 8 & 12/62

Titles and File #s on which contacted

STEVE DI SALVO, AR	92-165	HOLTZMAN
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, aka AR	94-316	HOLTZMAN
JOE GURERA, AR	92-257	HOLTZMAN
BUSTER BALESTRERE, ITWI	165-15	HOLTZMAN
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AR	92-164	HIGGINS
IGA	162-1	THOMPSON
GIP	92-145	KNICKREHM

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[ ] Positive

[redacted]

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[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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Rating: Excellent

Coverage: Gambling

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MI [redacted]

[redacted] On 10/12/62, informant advised that he had no further information concerning BRUNO attempting [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI. He also stated that he did not know BRUNO personally but that he is one of the older Italians in Milwaukee who has grown up with the Italian element and would be well acquainted with FRANK BALISTRIERI and the other top Italians.

On 10/8/62, informant was questioned concerning [redacted] whom he had previously advised JOE GURERA had claimed he [redacted] Informant stated that this individual might very possibly be identical with [redacted] who has an [redacted] in [redacted] and is a [redacted] He said that it is very possible that JOE GURERA [redacted] on some other occasion [redacted] although the way GURERA [redacted] he sounded as if he [redacted] the day that GURERA had said he was [redacted] Informant stated that FRANK BALISTRIERI, JOE GURERA and STEVE DI SALVO seem to be [redacted] individual as they speak of [redacted] and also [redacted] has [redacted] He said that from [redacted] he [redacted] supposedly brings a [redacted] to [redacted] or so, which contains [redacted] He said that he [redacted] BALISTRIERI and JOE GURERA [redacted] in that city--one known as [redacted] and the other as [redacted]

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On 10/12/62, informant advised that [redacted] by the names of [redacted] several [redacted] on their [redacted] He stated that [redacted] were obtained [redacted] after FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted] that they were okay.

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MI [redacted]

On 10/8/62, informant advised that [redacted] is still [redacted] for [redacted] and he is quite certain he is using a [redacted] He believes that [redacted] is very possibly [redacted] or to the place previously furnished by him [redacted] He said that after [redacted] obtains the [redacted] SAM CEFALU, who in turn relays it to the [redacted]

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On 10/12/62, informant advised that he had learned that JOE GURERA [redacted] by either the [redacted]

Informant advised that he had learned that JOE GURERA makes approximately [redacted] in the area from [redacted] and he is quite certain that [redacted] is still getting [redacted] and is actually [redacted] for the others. He said that [redacted] has now [redacted] and that [redacted] each have part of them. He advised that they must have some [redacted] but he does not know where they [redacted] to have [redacted]

On the same date, informant advised that STEVE DI SALVO and JOE GURERA [redacted] and other [redacted] of that nature [redacted] He does not know the purpose of this.

On 10/12/62, informant also advised that [redacted] has a [redacted] there from time to time approximately [redacted] and has a few [redacted] around [redacted] but he does not believe that [redacted] himself, has anything to do with [redacted] and that they are working there [redacted] He said that [redacted] with the [redacted] and is a [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI.

Director, FBI (166-340) 10/30/62

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JOSEPH FRANK GURERA;
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OO: Milwaukee

Rerep SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN, 8/27/62, at Milwaukee;
" " 10/15/62, " captioned
"JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, AR, Bufile 92-4690";
Report SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN, 9/24/62, at Milwaukee, captioned
"BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, ITWI, Bufile 165-104";
Milwaukee letter to Springfield, 9/25/62, captioned "BUSTIA
VETO BALESTRERE, AR, Bufile 92-5130(which reopened this case);
Report SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN, 10/24/62, at Milwaukee, captioned
"STEVE DE SALVO, Bufile 92-5134";
Report SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN, 10/29/62, at Milwaukee, captioned
"CRIMINAL COMMISSION, Bufile 92-6054."

From the above it will be observed that information as to GURERA, BALESTRERE and DE SALVO, Subjects of captioned case, has been reported in individual cases on these persons and then substantially the same information is repeated in this case and in the case on the Criminal Commission.

At this point it appears improbable that we can successfully establish a federal violation of the ITAR case involving these 3 Subjects based on any travel that they have so far made.

An additional fact of consideration is that the USA is getting copies of all reports except those captioned Criminal Commission, and that office and this one are alert for any of the Subjects' activities, individually or collectively, having prosecutive possibilities.

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In light of all the considerations, it appears desirable to close instant case in the interest of preventing duplication of effort and to follow the activities of these Subjects individually and collectively in the other cases listed above.

UACB, this matter is being CLOSED.

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TED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) DATE: 11/14/62

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-696) (HUC)

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE
aka
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OO: Milwaukee

Re Milwaukee letter to Springfield 9/25/62.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES F. GLONEK:

Kansas City telephone numbers referred to in re communication are subscribed to as follows:

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EM 1-5113	JOHN MOLLE, 444 E. 74th St.
VI 2-9333	Jett Motors, 1614 Truman Road
GL 3-0652	[redacted]
GL 2-9000	
BA 1-0933	Sarann Auto Leasing, 1404 Mc Gee

All of these locations are in the Metropolitan Kansas City area.

Kansas City office indices and records of the Kansas City, Mo. PD as reviewed on 10/19/62 contain no information regarding [redacted]

Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater Kansas City as made available by [redacted] on 11/5/62 reflects [redacted] has a satisfactory credit record on file since 1952 and that he is an employed as [redacted] at the Ford Motor Co. Assembly Plant, Claycomo, Mo. Records regarding [redacted] reflect he has a record on file since 1933 and is employed as [redacted] the Weldon B. Royce Construction Co.

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Jett Motors, 1614 Truman Road [redacted] who has associated on occasions with members of the criminal element in Kansas City, Mo. His company operates primarily as a used car agency delivering cars to the western area of the U. S. on a "driveaway" basis. b6 b7C

JOHN MOLLE presently operates the Sarann Auto Leasing Co., 1404 Mc Gee. In connection with current hoodlum investigations, information has been secured from MOLLE and other individuals that he grew up with some of the current members of the Italian criminal element in Kansas City, Mo. No information has been secured indicating he is involved in any federal violations at this time.

Information in the files of the Kansas City office reflects that he is the brother-in-law of subject and that MOLLE's sister ANN is married to subject. In view of this relationship it would appear that telephonic contacts with MOLLE and with Sarann Motors might be based on this family association.

Records of the Kansas City, Mo. PD as reviewed on 10/19/62 reflects JOHN MOLLE is described as WMA, born 12/27/14 in Missouri, 5'11" tall, 210 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes, residence 444 E. 74th St., Kansas City, Mo. He has been arrested for traffic violations on several occasions since 1950. Arrests relating to criminal activities are as follows:

2/19/35	Investigation robbery, released 2/20/35
7/9/47	Selling liquor to a minor, discharged 8/1/47
12/28/47	Carrying concealed weapon, released 12/29/47

In connection with this last arrest, Kansas City, Mo. PD records reflect MOLLE was arrested with BUSTER BALESTRERE in a 1947 Buick automobile at which time a .38

caliber Colt automatic was found under the front seat of this car.

MOLLE has Kansas City, Mo. PD 60659, FBI 4523858.

One photograph of MOLLE is being furnished the Milwaukee office as an enclosure to this communication.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 11/19/62

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY b7D

[X] CI [ ] SI
[ ] PCI [ ] PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 11/9 and 12/62

Titles and File #s on which contacted

STEVE DE SALVO, AR	92-165	HOLTZMAN
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316	HOLTZMAN
JOSEPH GURERA, AR	92-257	HOLTZMAN
BUSTER BALESTRERE, ITWI	165-15	HOLTZMAN
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AR	92-164	HIGGINS
CIP	92-145	KNICKREHM
IGA	162-1	THOMPSON

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[ ] Positive

Informant said that approximately [redacted] JOE GURERA and STEVE DE SALVO went [redacted], and [redacted] in that city at either the [redacted] They tried to [redacted] but he refused to go with them, and as a result [redacted]. He said that [redacted] STEVE and JOE again [redacted] and that he is now [redacted] and is now [redacted]. Informant said that he does not know who [redacted] to but believes that it will probably be BILL COVELLI or JOHNNY RIZZO, who [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI, STEVE DE SALVO and JOE GURERA have an [redacted]

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[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Personal Data

Consolidated into 92-166

Rating Excellent

Coverage Gambling

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MI [redacted] b7D

Informant stated that JOHNNY RIZZO is still [redacted] and is going very strong. He said that RIZZO also [redacted] and that he has an individual [redacted] Informant did not know the present location of [redacted] but believes that it is very possibly in [redacted] which is located [redacted] JOHNNY RIZZO [redacted]. He said that he knows definitely that RIZZO formerly [redacted] this [redacted] In regards to [redacted] RIZZO, informant stated that [redacted] at this [redacted] and so forth, and that BILL COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO are the [redacted] He stated that an [redacted]

Informant stated that all the Italian gamblers are [redacted] JOE GURERA, STEVE DE SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE, including FRANK SANSONE. He also advised that [redacted] GURERA and DE SALVO and that the latter are planning in the very near future to [redacted] and [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

In regards to [redacted] informant said the [redacted] is still obtaining [redacted] and that he then [redacted] and furnishes the [redacted] and the other [redacted] through a [redacted] He pointed out that there is no specific [redacted] at the present time and that [redacted] their [redacted] and are not furnishing any [redacted] to them.

On 11/12/62, informant advised that [redacted] JOE GURERA. He said that he does not know the purpose of [redacted] or the names of these individuals.

He also said that he was recently [redacted], [redacted] and that after [redacted] he went to [redacted], and he noted that a great many of [redacted] came there after the [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 11/27/62

FROM : SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM

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☒ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact
11/14/62

Titles and File #s on which contacted

[redacted] ITWI	165-46	THOMPSON
STEVE DE SALVO, AR	92-165	HOLTZMAN
JOE GURERA, AR	92-257	HOLTZMAN
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316	HOLTZMAN
BUSTER BALESTRERE, ITWI	165-15	HOLTZMAN
[redacted] ITWP	168-9	HIGGINS
FRANK SANSONE, ITWI	165-13	[redacted]

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Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

[redacted] advised that [redacted] and was upset because the Special Squad of the Milwaukee PD had a [redacted] on him. According to [redacted] the Special Squad was concerned because they had received information that either [redacted] was destined to get [redacted] by [redacted] advised that [redacted] that he wasn't about to [redacted] and that now was the time to do something about it. [redacted] advised that that night he went [redacted] for FRANK BALISTRIERI, STEVE DE SALVO or JOE GURERA. He stated that he [redacted] and that shortly thereafter STEVE DE SALVO and JOE GURERA showed up. He stated that as they entered they nodded to him and the proceeded [redacted] He stated

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that they [redacted] and he returned the [redacted] He advised that shortly thereafter Sgt. [redacted] of the Vice Squad came in, nodded to [redacted] and then went over to STEVE and JOE [redacted] He advised that Sgt. [redacted] became terribly worked up, started talking loudly to them and shaking his fingers at them. When Sgt. [redacted] was through talking he turned around abruptly and stormed out. With that STEVE went to the [redacted] and when he did [redacted] said that he figured this was his chance to talk to him so he followed. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] advised that when he got [redacted] STEVE. "What was that about?" to which STEVE [redacted] Sgt. [redacted] was all worked up because according to Sgt. [redacted] there were [redacted] in Milwaukee because of DE SALVO's shake down. STEVE said [redacted] that he wasn't shaking anybody down and that if they thought he was they could take him into court and prove it. [redacted] said that STEVE wanted to know if he, [redacted] had been contacted [redacted] said he told them Yes, and STEVE wanted to know what they wanted to know. [redacted] stated that they wanted to know if he, [redacted] had been [redacted] DE SALVO. STEVE then [redacted] what he had said, and [redacted] said he told the Agents No. that [redacted] advised/on [redacted], stating that the [redacted] meaning [redacted] wanted to see him at [redacted] advised that he went down and was interviewed in [redacted] took down the [redacted] advised that [redacted] wanted to know if there was any [redacted] said that he told them he didn't know of any [redacted] going on and only heard rumors as [redacted] then wanted to know if there was any place in [redacted] where one could walk in off the street [redacted] said No, he knew of no such place. [redacted] advised that the following other individuals were also called down:

[redacted]

FRANK SANSONE;
[redacted]

and someone by the name of [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that he believed that [redacted] was doing this because he felt that the Security Squad was taking [redacted] away from him and that if there was [redacted] going on he wanted it stopped. He feels that [redacted] is trying [redacted] the situation.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] is still [redacted] but on a very limited basis. He advised that a friend of his has been given some of [redacted] and that [redacted] has kept [redacted] stated that this friend of his [redacted] either STEVE DE SALVO, JOE GURERA or BUSTER BALESTRERE at the [redacted] tells them who [redacted] adding that his friend has nothing to do with [redacted] He stated that he does not believe his friend [redacted] but that he believes [redacted] his friend [redacted] advised that with regard to [redacted] He stated he does not know how the [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] stated that he has not seen any [redacted] does not know [redacted] and does not know where they [redacted] if they are [redacted] He supposed, however, that if they are coming in they are probably being [redacted] He advised he does not know [redacted] He denied having [redacted] but stated that [redacted] is known to [redacted]

[redacted] stated [redacted] and that [redacted] used to go with her. [redacted] states that [redacted] frequently jokes about previously having gone with [redacted] and states that this is a bit of a thorn in [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 9/21/62

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

☒ CI ☐ SI b7D

☐ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact
9/9/62, 9/14/62

Titles and File #s on which contacted

[redacted]	ITWI	165-71	HOLTZMAN
STEVE DE SALVO, AR		92-165	HOLTZMAN
JOE GURERA, AR		92-257	HOLTZMAN
BUSTER BALESTRERE, AR		165-15	HOLTZMAN
FRANK BALISTRIERI, AR		94-316	HOLTZMAN
[redacted]	SAM CEFALU	162-23	[redacted]
	CRIME CONDITIONS IN WISCONSIN	92-255	KNICKREHM
	CIP	92-145	KNICKREHM
	IGA	162-1	THOMPSON

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant telephonically advised that he had just learned that JOE GURERA is presently in Kansas City for some sort of hoodlum meeting. He said that GURERA left Milwaukee for Kansas City [redacted] and he did not know when he would return.

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On 9/14/62 informant advised that he learned that JOE GURERA returned to Milwaukee [redacted] in time to [redacted] He said that STEVE DI SALVO, BUSTER BALESTRERE, PETER BALISTRIERI, FRANK BALISTRIERI, and Dr. GUARDALABENE [redacted] whose identities he had not been able to ascertain. Informant said that he did find out that on the [redacted] held around [redacted] known as the [redacted] which is [redacted] Informant said that he

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
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learned that present [redacted] JOE GURERA, STEVE DI SALVO, BUSTER BALESTRERE, together with three individuals from [redacted] namely, ROCCO FISCHETTI [redacted] an individual known as [redacted] and a [redacted] He said that he did not know where the latter two individuals were from. Informant said that he learned from [redacted] that STEVE DI SALVO [redacted] and suggested that he and [redacted] make themselves [redacted]. In regards to [redacted] by the [redacted] informant said that STEVE DI SALVO and JOE GURERA were told [redacted] that if they had not [redacted] have done so. He said that STEVE and JOE are both very happy over the fact that it was [redacted]

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Informant said that [redacted] has not as [redacted] on [redacted], and he has not been able to obtain [redacted] [redacted] as yet. He said that [redacted] is still getting [redacted] and that he furnishes it to [redacted] SAM CEFALU, who in turn [redacted]

Informant stated that the gambling place at 1226 North Milwaukee Street has not yet reopened and that it probably will not for quite awhile as long as there is [redacted] from the [redacted]

Informant said that FRANK BALISTRIERI for some reason has gotten the idea that [redacted] and he is presently using [redacted] He said that BUSTER BALESTRERE is still just [redacted] and [redacted] the majority of the time. He is [redacted] STEVE DI SALVO and JOE GURERA [redacted] of the time. He said that this is due to BUSTER's [redacted] on [redacted] as he had previously advised.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 11/28/62

FROM : SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON b7D

[ ] CI [ ] SI
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SUBJECT: [redacted]
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Dates of Contact
11/20/62

Titles and File #s on which contacted

STEVE DI SALVO, aka, AR	92-165
BUSTER BALESTRERE, aka, AR	92-166
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316
AUGUST JOSEPH MANIACI, aka, AR.	94-318

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[ ] Positive

92-165, 92-166 and 94-316

Informant recalled that some time ago (perhaps [redacted] Federal subpoenaes were issued for [redacted] These men were to appear before the Grand Jury investigating a [redacted] apparently went to Minneapolis to testify. Informant said that he learned in a roundabout way [redacted]

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Informant said that he understood that USA JAMES B. BRENNAN,

[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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Milwaukee requested a transcript of the Grand Jury testimony relating to the above situation. Informant did not know when [redacted] and it is, therefore, not known whether the ITAR statute would apply.

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Informant called attention to the [redacted] but claimed it occurred in [redacted] over a [redacted] Informant said he wondered whether that had anything to do with [redacted] were being [redacted] the local syndicate of which FRANK BALISTRIERI is said to be the head.

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Informant said that, after [redacted] in [redacted] because of the [redacted] he learned that [redacted] had done a [redacted] Informant said that he [redacted] about this and the latter [redacted] did a [redacted] Informant said he had no idea of the [redacted]

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Informant said that [redacted]

Informant pointed out that [redacted] sometime ago on the grounds that [redacted] was not properly shown at [redacted] Informant said he thought it was significant that [redacted] As long as the [redacted] the amount of [redacted] However, [redacted] would not

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Informant also called attention to [redacted] who was said to [redacted] which [redacted] Informant said [redacted] a considerable distance [redacted]. It is in [redacted] he thinks. [redacted] is alleged to be [redacted] of [redacted] Informant said that [redacted] and [redacted]

Informant said that he learned that [redacted] is coming into this [redacted] is believed to be part of this [redacted] There were allegations that [redacted] was turned over [redacted] interests at [redacted] and also at [redacted] believed to be that of [redacted] (near the [redacted]). Informant said that a [redacted] or so ago this [redacted] and there was [redacted]

Informant did not state the sources of all of his information but did say that [redacted] knew about this matter and had checked [redacted]. Informant said that he had personally related all the information he had [redacted] He said he also mentioned it to [redacted] indicated that he was interested [redacted]. Informant said [redacted] is very close mouthed and did not indicate what his interest was. However, [redacted] said that he heard that [redacted] had been [redacted] by [redacted]--apparently searching for something. [redacted] said he complained about this to the [redacted]--apparently because he thought this action would interfere with some investigation. Informant said that he [redacted] to pass information on to them concerning [redacted] said that [redacted] denied knowing anything about such [redacted]

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Informant also stated that [redacted] told him that on [redacted] as he was going into [redacted] which is located [redacted] This man identified himself as [redacted] that he saw someone (whom he would not identify) in [redacted] for the purpose of having [redacted] (allegedly) that [redacted] had been seen at [redacted] said he was glad his name [redacted]. Informant said he didn't know whether to believe a word [redacted] as [redacted] has sometimes probably furnished false information. b6 b7C b7D

Informant also said that [redacted]. He offered it to [redacted] but won't disclose the story until he had [redacted] allegedly could lead to [redacted] who [redacted] This man's name is [redacted] or something similar and he is said to have an [redacted] which is the [redacted] through which [redacted] in [redacted] Informant had no furtherdetails on this matter.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date October 18, 1962

At 4:00 p.m. on October 15, 1962 Subject was observed in the premises of Acino Cleaners, 1012 South 1st Street.

At 4:30 p.m. an effort was made to interview him but he declined, stating that he had nothing to talk about.

On 10/15/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 92-166

by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN /jb Date dictated 10/16/62

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
November 29, 1962

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE
ANTI - RACKETEERING

The following is a characterization of informants used in the report of SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN dated and captioned as above:

MI T-1 is an Italian hoodlum who closely associates with the Subject andhis crowd;

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MI T-2 is an individual who is frequently [redacted]

MI T-3 is another Government investigative agency.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
Milwaukee	Milwaukee	11/29/62	7/31/62 - 11/20/62

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka	SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN	bs
	CHARACTER OF CASE	
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REFERENCE

Report SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN, Milwaukee, 9/24/62, captioned "BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, ITWI, MIfile 165-15, BUfile 165-104."

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ENCLOSURES

To Bureau: Two copies letterhead memorandum characterizing informants used in this report.

LEADS

THE MILWAUKEE DIVISION:

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

Continue to follow the activities of the Subject through informants, interviews and spot checks.

APPROVED SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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1 USA Milwaukee

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INFORMANTS

MI T-1 is [redacted] who furnished information to SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY;

MI T-2 is PCI [redacted] who furnished information to SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN;

MI T-3 is [redacted]

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Unsuccessful efforts have been made to interview Subject on 10/2, 15 and 31/62, and in each instance he is not unfriendly or angry but a little disgusted and states that he has nothing of interest to this Bureau.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 USA Milwaukee

Report of: SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN
Office: Milwaukee
Date: November 29, 1962

Field Office File No.: MI 92-166
Bureau File No. 92-5130

Title: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: BUSTER BALESTRERE spends the bulk of his time at Acino Cleaners where he is currently the manager. Informants state that his former close associates, JOE GURERA and STEVE DE SALVO do not associate with him now but that he is still [redacted] in the way of [redacted]

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DETAILS:

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

On July 9, 1962, according to information received September 25, 1962, from Captain [redacted] Milwaukee Police Department, officers of his squad observed a 1962 tan Chevrolet parked at the rear of BALESTRERE's residence, 1634 North Jackson Street. This car bore Illinois License 111-117 and is registered to Starr Brothers, Inc., 113-115 South Plum Street, Carlinville, Illinois.

Previous information has been [redacted] which are available by issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

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On November 14, 1962, Kansas City furnished the following information, which was obtained by SA JAMES F. GLONEK, relative to [redacted]

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All of these [redacted].

Kansas City office indices and records of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, as reviewed on October 19, 1962, contain no information regarding [redacted]

Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater Kansas City as made available by [redacted] on November 5, 1962, reflects [redacted] has a satisfactory credit record on file since 1952 and that he is employed as [redacted] at the Ford Motor Co. Assembly Plant, Claycomo, Missouri. Records regarding [redacted] reflect he has a record on file since 1933 and is employed as a [redacted] for the Weldon B. Royce Construction Co.

Jett Motors, 1614 Truman Road, is [redacted] who has associated on occasions with members of the criminal element in Kansas City, Missouri. His company operates primarily as a used car agency delivering cars to the western area of the United States on a "driveaway" basis.

JOHN MOLLE presently operates the Sarann Auto Leasing Co., 1404 McGee. In connection with current hoodlum investigations, information has been secured from MOLLE and other individuals that he grew up with some of the current members of the Italian criminal element in Kansas City, Missouri. No information has been secured indicating he is involved in any federal violations at this time.

Information in the files of the Kansas City office reflects that he is the brother-in-law of Subject and that MOLLE's sister, ANN, is married to Subject. In view of this relationship, it would appear that telephonic contacts with MOLLE and with Sarann Motors might be based on this family association.

Records of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department as reviewed on October 19, 1962, reflect JOHN MOLLE is described as White, Male, American, born December 27, 1914, in Missouri, 5'11" tall, 210 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes, residence 444 East 74 Street, Kansas City, Missouri. He has been arrested for traffic violations on several occasions since 1950. Arrests relating to criminal activities as follows:

February 19, 1935--Investigation robbery, released February 20, 1935;

July 9, 1947--Selling liquor to a minor, discharged, August 1, 1947;

December 28, 1947--Carrying concealed weapon, released December 29, 1947.

In connection with this last arrest, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department records reflect MOLLE was arrested with BUSTER BALESTRERE in a 1947 Buick automobile at which time a .38 caliber Colt automatic was found under the front seat of this car.

MOLLE has Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department Number 60659, FBI #4523858.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date August 17, 1962

At 10:14 AM, August 3, 1962, BUSTER BALESTRERE was observed at 1012 South First Street. At 1:45 PM, he was not seen, but his car was noted to be there, and at 4:10 PM he was again noted to be at this address. The above observations were made incidental to investigation, and no surveillance was conducted.

On August 7, 1962, he was observed to arrive at 1012 South First at 9:42 AM. No surveillance was maintained.

On 8/3&7/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 165-15

by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN/bs Date dictated 8/13/62

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date August 22, 1962

The following observations were made by SA JOHN A. HOLTMAN:

On August 10, 1962, at 10:40 AM, the automobiles of JOE GUSTA and EUSTAN BALSITRAS were parked at 1012 South First Street. At this time an individual was observed leaving but is not known to have emerged from this address. His car was parked immediately in front of the address and in front of EUSTAN BALSITRAS's car. The car was a 1957 white Cadillac, bearing Wisconsin license [redacted] registered to [redacted]. The driver was described as 55 years of age, 6'2", 240 lbs., light brown hair. b6 b7C

On August 12, at 4:45 PM, an Acme Cleaners truck, the Subject's Chevrolet, and a 1962 blue Chevrolet, bearing Wisconsin license [illegible], was observed to be parked in front of GUSTA's residence, 2653 East Newport. The above license is registered to Wheels, Inc., 6200 North Western Avenue, Chicago.

On 8/10-12/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 92-257

by SA JOHN A. HOLTMAN/bm Date dictated 8/16/62

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 8, 1962

The following observations were made by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN on October 2, 1962:

At 1:30 p.m. JOE GURERA's car was observed in front of 1012 South 1st Street, and GURERA and BUSTER BALESTRERE were having a conversation in front of the address. At 1:40 p.m. STEVE DE SALVO arrived, parking his car on Mineral Street between 1st and 2nd. The three of them then went inside the address with GURERA and DE SALVO emerging at 1:45 p.m. and spent a few minutes talking in GURERA's automobile, both departing at 2:02 p.m.

Upon leaving this address they drove to the Radio Communications Company, 1020 East Land Street where they arrived at 2:14 p.m. At 2:26 p.m. they left this place and proceeded to [redacted], arriving at 2:31 p.m. They remained inside for a short time and at 2:36 p.m. emerged and talked on the sidewalk for a couple of minutes with [redacted]. They left this address at 2:38 p.m. and the surveillance was discontinued at this point.

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At 3:25 p.m. they were again observed in front of 1012 South 1st Street sitting in GURERA's car and talking and at 3:35 p.m. a third man was observed in the rear of the car. This individual subsequently left in a 1955 Chrysler bearing license [redacted] at 3:50 p.m. This car is registered to [redacted]

These three individuals discontinued their conversation at 3:44 and entered Acino Cleaners with DE SALVO and GURERA first removing something from the trunk of GURERA's car which they took into the cleaners. It was not possible to observe the nature of this object.

At 3:50 p.m. in addition to [redacted], STEVE DE SALVO left and GURERA departed at 4:10 p.m.

BUSTER BALESTRERE remained at Acino's except for a few moments to go to the restaurant across the street until 5:02 p.m. when he departed.

On 10/2/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 92-257 MI 92-166

by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN/lmp/bs Date dictated 10/5/62

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 16, 1962

At 4:00 p.m. on October 15, 1962 Subject was observed in the premises of Acino Cleaners, 1012 South 1st Street.

At 4:30 p.m. an effort was made to interview him but he declined, stating that he had nothing to talk about.

On 10/15/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 92-166

by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN /jb Date dictated 10/16/62

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 8, 1962

[redacted] said he resides at [redacted], Milwaukee, telephone [redacted], and is employed as [redacted] located at [redacted]. He said he is [redacted]

[redacted] said that he was born and raised in Kansas City on the north side and lived there for [redacted] left Kansas City and went to [redacted] where he lived and worked for about [redacted] and then to [redacted] for approximately [redacted]. In [redacted] he left his position in [redacted] and returned to Kansas City where he obtained employment for the [redacted] which has the [redacted] at the above [redacted]. He arrived in Milwaukee in [redacted], and at that time contacted BUSTER BALESTRERE, who he claimed was the only individual he knew in Milwaukee. He explained that [redacted] who was [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted] JOHN, and that JOHN went crazy and died when [redacted]

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[redacted] said that BUSTER did not know that he was coming to Milwaukee but helped him [redacted] and their families have associated mostly on [redacted] his arrival. He said that shortly after his arrival here he and BUSTER were [redacted] JOE GUNERA whom he had known casually from Kansas City but was surprised to see because he did not have information that GUNERA was in Milwaukee. He said that GUNERA and BUSTER were the only two individuals he knew in Milwaukee, and for this reason he and his family have associated with their families jointly and individually since his arrival.

He said that he has been both to GUNERA's and BUSTER's home and that they have been to his home.

He disclaimed any knowledge as to their activities or their employment or lack of employment. He said that he did not want to get mixed up in their activities as he had all he

On 11/1/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 92-257

by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN/bs Date dictated 11/2/62

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could do to handle his job and take care of his family. He explained that he [redacted] from [redacted] except recently he has been taking [redacted] does not desire to stay in Milwaukee over a year and is hopeful of being transferred back to Kansas City in that time.

He said that he has never met PETER BALISTRERI, who is a next-door neighbor to [redacted]. He explained that JOE GUERRA and PETER BALISTRERI are brothers-in-law and seem to get along together in good shape.

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[redacted] explained that he grew up in the north end of Kansas City and is familiar with the reputation of GUERRA, who was associated with the CIVELLA brothers and TOM SIROIS, who have the reputation in Kansas City for being hoodlums. [redacted] said that he knew all of these individuals and many others having grown up with them, but he does not approve of their activities and does not associate with these people but on the other hand feels that as long as they treat him right he is not inclined to take any action in the way of questioning or correcting their activities.

On September 14, 1962, MI T-1 said that a meeting was held [redacted] attended by STEVE DE SALVO, BUSTER BALESTRERE, the brothers PETER and FRANK BALISTRIERI, DR. VITO GUARDALABENE, JOE GURERA, who had just returned from Kansas City, and three unknown individuals from out of town.

On the following day, [redacted], another meeting was held at [redacted], and at this meeting were BUSTER BALESTRERE, STEVE DE SALVO, JOE GURERA and three out of towners: namely, ROCCO FISCHETTI of Chicago, a [redacted]

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On November 17, 1962, informant said that although Subject was still not a close associate with GURERA and DE SALVO as he had been in the past but was still apparently "under wraps," that in spite of this BUSTER was still [redacted] and this was BUSTER'S [redacted]. Informant said that with GURERA and DE SALVO out of town temporarily, for reason unknown to the informant, BUSTER was also [redacted]

On November 20, 1962, MI T-2 was asked whether BUSTER BALESTRERE has been seen recently around [redacted], and informant said that he has not been in there to informant's knowledge since [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
November 29, 1962

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Title BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 12/3/62

☒ CI ☐ SI

FROM : SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN

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☐ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 11/17/62

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, AR	92-257	HOLTZMAN
~~FRANK~~ STEVE DE SALVO, AR	92-165	HOLTZMAN
BUSTER BALESTRIERE, AR	92-166	HOLTZMAN
CIP	92-145	THOMPSON
IGA	162-1	THOMPSON

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant furnished the following information on 11/17/62 to SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN:

JOE GURERA and STEVE DE SALVO left Milwaukee over the [redacted] and went some place unknown to informant. He does not know whether they went together. GURERA [redacted] and informant said that to him this meant that there was some [redacted] until they determined the true nature of it. In this instance he does not know what caused them to leave. He said that FRANK BALISTRIERI also left town during the week, having [redacted] and he does not know where FRANK went or how.

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Informant said that usually if these individuals use [redacted]

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
	Excellent	Gambling

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[redacted] they will use [redacted] and an [redacted] because of their appearance. He said that [redacted] by Italian hoodlums. Informant said that it could be that the fact that a number of individuals were being called into the Milwaukee PD by Capt. [redacted] of the Vice Detail, provided the reason for these individuals to leave town. He said that he knew that [redacted] ROBERT PICK and [redacted] were called in by Capt. [redacted] and asked about their current activities and asked whether they had any information about [redacted] He said Capt. [redacted] was obviously upset about something, but he does not think that the Captain got any satisfaction from any of the individuals called in.

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Informant said that [redacted] continue at the regular pace, and he personally can [redacted] per [redacted] and knows that they get [redacted] than this from individuals although he does not know the details. He knows specifically that [redacted] He explained that [redacted] from which JOE GURERA, FRANK BALISTRIERI, STEVE DE SALVO, BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted] and other [redacted] which [redacted] has are [redacted]

Wity regard to BUSTER BALESTRERE, he said that he usually [redacted] but with the others [redacted] BUSTER is making additional [redacted]. He said that although BUSTER has been [redacted] to a [redacted] he still [redacted] that he formerly did and he is the type of individual who will take this [redacted] and will do exactly what [redacted] He said that BUSTER has a definitely [redacted] and is the type of person who may [redacted]

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-104

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) DATE: December 17, 1962

Rec'd

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-497) (RUC)

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, Aka
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Re Milwaukee letter to Springfield dated 9/25/62.

On December 12, 1962, [redacted] Macoupin County, Carlinville, Illinois, advised he was personally acquainted with [redacted] living at Carlinville, Illinois. [redacted] stated he was one of the [redacted] having the [redacted] area and also other [redacted] in the county. [redacted] stated he would reason that [redacted] would have very good reason to be [redacted] as he [redacted] whose maiden name was [redacted] and her home had been [redacted] related that [redacted] was [redacted] living at [redacted] stated it was his information the [redacted] were financially well-to-do people and that neither the [redacted] living in [redacted] nor the [redacted] living in Milwaukee were in any way connected with hoodlum activity.

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SAC, Milwaukee (92-145) P

CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
Milwaukee Division

ReMilwaukee let to Bureau 11/1/62.

After a review of the files on the four major hoodlums in the Milwaukee Division; namely, FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, JOE CURLEA, STEVE DE SALVO and BUSTER BALISTRIERI, the following action is being taken:

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[redacted]

BUSTER BALESTRIERI is a cousin of FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI and is considered one of the top four hoodlums in Milwaukee.

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[redacted] It is to be noted that [redacted] was recently [redacted]. According to [redacted] at [redacted] cooperated with him while [redacted] is a well known hoodlum in the Milwaukee area and has been closely connected with [redacted] will be interviewed within the next few days.

[redacted] willingness to cooperate with the FBI and, in fact, has furnished some information of value.

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[redacted] has been contacted on several occasions, and he is furnishing some information of value regarding the hoodlum element. [redacted] has very little use for the Italian element and has expressed his willingness to provide information about them.

The Milwaukee FD has recently instituted a 24-hour surveillance on JOE GURNEA, STEVE DE SALVO and FRANK BALISTRIERI. They plan to interview everyone that these hoodlums talk to in order to find the nature of the hoodlums' business with these individuals. The results of this surveillance is being made available to the Milwaukee Office on a daily basis.

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Although information from [redacted] it is felt that many more contacts with these individuals will be necessary in order to build up their willingness to cooperate with the FBI or before they can be evaluated as to their potential as an informant.

At the present time, however, [redacted] is providing information of great value on the leading members of the Italian element. It is to be noted that this informant is [redacted] In this regard, [redacted] is also in a position to provide information of value and, in fact, is providing information of value on the Italian syndicate.

[redacted], a new informant in Milwaukee and who is closely affiliated with the major hoodlums, is also starting to furnish information of value regarding major hoodlums in this city.

The Agents handling the interview program are aware of the necessity for developing criminal informants, particularly of the top echelon variety, and are continually alert to this possibility among the people that they interview.

I believe that we are making headway in penetrating the inner circle of the top echelon of the Italian hoodlum element and that with continued contacts of the informants presently under development, the quality of the information we receive can be expected to be better. The Milwaukee Office will continue to aggressively pursue the development of these and other informants.

MI 92-145

For Milwaukee Copies:
The following individuals should be considered by the the Milwaukee Office as having potential as PCI's as well as being considered under the interview program:

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